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**ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF SUNAPEE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**THE SUNAPEE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RECEIVED THE EPA's
1996 NATIONAL FIRST PLACE AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
MOST IMPROVED PLANT CATEGORY.**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996**



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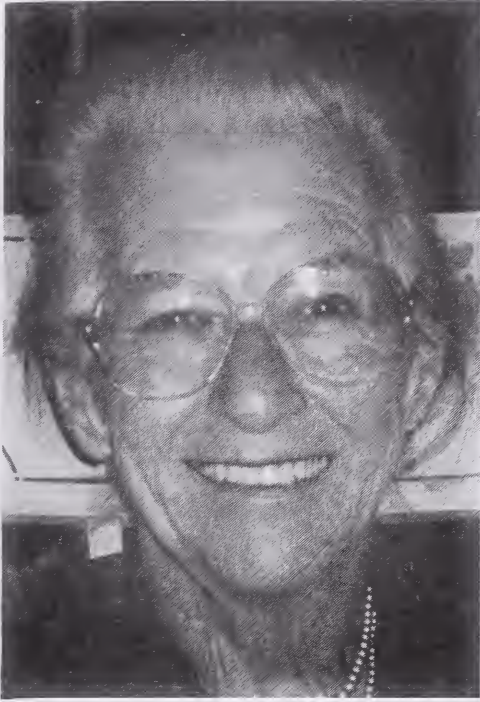
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DEDICATION

Jean W. Putonen

The Selectmen proudly dedicates the 1997 Annual Town Report to Jean W. Putonen for her years of service and commitment to the community.

Jean was actually born in the Town and has the distinction of being a true Sunapee native. She graduated from Sunapee High School and attended all of her school years in the system. Both of her two children and two grandchildren graduated from Sunapee High School as well.

She has served on the Board of Selectmen since 1993. Her longest term of service was that of school clerk which extended from 1964 to 1997. She is well known for her many years of service as Town Clerk, spanning from 1964 to 1986 and her tenure as Tax Collector from 1974 to 1986.

We also recognize her for distinguished service which includes serving as a former president of the NH Tax Collector's Association, serving on the 1973 Junior-Senior High School Building Committee, Ben Mere Committee, Ground Water Feasibility Advisory Commission, and the Transfer Recycling Committee. She also has been a recipient of the Newport Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year, served as a Cub Scout leader, and was a former member of the executive board of the Sullivan County United Way, who was credited with establishing the United Way Fun Day in Sunapee Harbor.

We, the Board of Selectmen of Sunapee, applaud and salute her for her years of dedicated service. It is truly exemplary.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Michael R. Feeney

Term Expires 1997

SELECTMEN

Richard C. Leone, Chairman

Term Expires 1997

Frederick C. Gallup

Term Expires 1998

Jean W. Putonen

Term Expires 1999

TOWN MANAGER

John B. Wheeler

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Toni J. Bressette

Term Expires 1997

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Eileen Stiles

TREASURER

Francis C. Gallup

Term Expires 1997

POLICE CHIEF

Alan J. Soucy

Term Expires 1997

ROAD AGENT

J. Anthony Bergeron

Term Expires 1997

SUPERINTENDENT, WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

David R. Brennan

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Don Wrightington

PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Marquise

BALLOT CLERKS

Justine Cutting

Republican

Robert Haselton, Jr.

Republican

Sally J. Putonen
John V. Chesson

Democrat
Democrat

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles Balyeat	Term Expires 1998
Donna Davis	Term Expires 1998
James Elliott	Term Expires 1997
Tina Naimie	Term Expires 1999
Emma Smith	Term Expires 1999

CABLE CONTRACT STUDY COMMITTEE

Douglas Monroe, Chairman	Term Expires 1996
Richard C. Leone	Term Expires 1996
William Chalmers	Term Expires 1996

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Jeffrey S. Trow	Term Expires 1997
Louis Charon	Term Expires 1999
Brenda Franzen	Term Expires 1998

COFFIN PARK COMMITTEE

Represented by Town Office Employees

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Van Webb, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Emmons Jenkins, Jr.	Term Expires 1999
George Quackenbos	Term Expires 1997
Dorothy Price	Term Expires 1998
Robert Hill	Term Expires 1998
Bruce Burdett	Term Expires 1997
John D. Haney, Alternate	Term Expires 1999

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Howard G. Sargent

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Francis H. Nolin, Jr.	Term Expires 1997
Dana Ramspott	Term Expires 1998
Duane Abbott	Term Expires 1999
Daniel R. Ruggles	Term Expires 2000

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Daniel R. Ruggles Term Expires 1998

FOREST FIRE DEPUTY WARDENS

Francis H. Nolin, Jr. Term Expires 1998

Mark Scott Term Expires 1998

Howard Sargent Term Expires 1998

Dana Ramspott Term Expires 1998

Duane Abbott Term Expires 1998

HEALTH OFFICER

John W. Wiggins Term Expires 1998

Michael Dashner, Deputy Term Expires 1997

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Frederick C. Gallup Selectman

Alan J. Soucy Police Chief

J. Anthony Bergeron Road Agent

Francis H. Nolin, Jr. Fire Chief

Stephen Gray Highway Engineer

LIBRARIAN

Patricia D. Hand

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Gerard Farland Term Expires 1999

Barbara Hollander Term Expires 1999

Margaret S. Burdett Term Expires 1997

Dennis Deegan (resigned) Term Expires 1997

Gerald Karr Term Expires 1997

Nancy Clark, Secretary Term Expires 1998

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT

John B. Wheeler Delegate

Thomas J. Alexander Alternate

PAY PLAN COMMITTEE

Frank Gallup Term Expires 1996

Jim Leland Term Expires 1996

Gerald Patnode Term Expires 1996

Jim Currier	Term Expires 1996
Jim Harrington	Term Expires 1996

PLANNING BOARD

Everett Pollard, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Robert Ward	Term Expires 1999
Katrina Hill	Term Expires 1998
Harry Brown	Term Expires 1997
Peggy Chalmers	Term Expires 1999
Kevin Rickard	Term Expires 1997
George Ogden, Alternate	
Vicki Branch, Alternate	
Jean W. Putonen, Ex-officio Selectmen	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ken Adams	Term Expires 1997
Nancy Smith (resigned)	Term Expires 1998
Nicholas Memole	Term Expires 1999
Debi McGrath, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Marsha Whitehead	Term Expires 1997
Jay Harvey	Term Expires 1998

RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Norwood H. Keeney III, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Janet Grevstad	Term Expires 1999
Betsey and Guy Alexander	Term Expires 1999
Jessica Leavitt	Term Expires 2000
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 1998
Everett Pollard	Term Expires 2000
Bonnie Quackenbos	Term Expires 1999
Shaun Carroll	Term Expires 1999
John and Jennifer Dickson	Term Expires 1998
John Babe Sargent	Term Expires 1998
Dorothy Wagner	Term Expires 1998
Richard D. Webb	Term Expires 2000
Richard H. Webb	Term Expires 2000
John Wiggins	Term Expires 1998
Jo Hill	Term Expires 1999

SUNAPEE HYDROELECTRIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Guy Alexander	Term Expires 1996
David Montambeault	Term Expires 1996

Norman Perkins (resigned)	Term Expires 1996
Gordon Ramspott	Term Expires 1996

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Nancy Smith	Term Expires 2000
Devon Smith	Term Expires 1998
Holly Durfor	Term Expires 1997
Ellen A. Nolen (resigned)	Term Expires 1996

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

Al Soucy, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
Augustine Baffa	Term Expires 1997
J. Anthony Bergeron	Term Expires 1997
Fred Brand	Term Expires 1997
Barbara Chalmers	Term Expires 1997
Dennis Deegan	Term Expires 1997
Michael Durfor	Term Expires 1997
Frederick C. Gallup	Term Expires 1997
Barbara Hollander	Term Expires 1997
Francis Nolin	Term Expires 1997
Richard Reed	Term Expires 1997
Dan Ruggles	Term Expires 1997
Robert Ward	Term Expires 1997
Richard H. Webb	Term Expires 1997
Richard D. Webb	Term Expires 1997
John B. Wheeler	Term Expires 1997

TRANSFER RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Peter Kavanagh, Chairman	Term Expires 1995
Van O. Webb	Term Expires 1995
Holly Simpson Durfor	Term Expires 1996
Nancy Vandewart, Springfield Representative	

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

James N. Elliott	Term Expires 1999
Robert P. Springer	Term Expires 1997
Bruce Jennings	Term Expires 1998

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE
COUNCIL DIRECTORS

Robert L. Ward
James N. Elliott

Term Expires 1997

WATER SEWER COMMISSIONERS

William Roach, Chairman
Gordon Ramspott, Vice Chairman
Ronald P. Wyman
David Montambeault
James Leland
Eileen Stiles
Russell D. Clark, Jr.

Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1997

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William Chalmers, Chairman
Arthur B. Zerbel, Jr.
Joan Coval
William Price
Robert Mastin
Peter White, Alternate

Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1998

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen found 1996 to be an active year in many areas. Beyond the water challenge, our major focus was to update and implement necessary policies and adopt guidelines where needed. Specifically, our early in the year goal setting centered around the following:

- * comply with the Federal Safe Drinking Act without further fines
- * complete and finalize an updated employee handbook
- * complete and finalize an employee pay plan including updated job descriptions
- * develop budget advisory committee guidelines
- * review police and highway department liability policies

Other items of concern included involving the selectmen more into the town assessment program, thoroughly monitor and review the surplus and overlay when setting the tax rate, long term capital improvement needs, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of current town government, add more support to the health department, and identify the hazardous areas within the community that may need attention in the near future.

The community has been under the Town Manager system (RSA 37) since January 24, 1994 with a contract which runs to April 1, 1997. Terms of this contract state in section 1-B that this contract shall be extended on the same terms and conditions for an additional three years unless written notice is given by either party 90 days prior to the termination date. The present Board has chosen to extend the contract in one year intervals rather than three.

Under the Town Manager system, it is quite apparent that the role of the selectmen is more in the nature of policy setting than hands on. Under the specific jurisdiction of RSA 37, the Manager is our executive office and it is more his function to carry out policy in the day-to-day operations. At times this process has been difficult for the current Board because it is within our nature, based upon Sunapee's past, to observe our selectmen more involved in the operation as well. However, an argument can be made that this can also be a disadvantage as well as an advantage. In any event, this suggests that the argument still exists as to which system would work better for Sunapee - Town Manager or compatible Administrative Assistant. Regardless of the debate, it would seem incumbent on all of us

to put the rumors, hearsay, and personalities aside and objectively analyze the pluses as well.

Special accolades go to all of the people who volunteered their time on the various boards and committees. Citizen participation is a NH tradition and it has certainly stood the test of time in Sunapee. A review of the list of participants found in the beginning of this book is very impressive. It is a wonderful way of getting involved and learning about our town. The Selectmen's office is continuously looking for volunteers to fill the various positions.

There were many other accomplishments and good deeds done in Town during the past year. For example, how about the dedicated senior citizens who donated their time at the clothing center next to the Police Station? Or the Sunapee 2000 group who maintain all of those wonderful flower gardens? Who were those gentlemen who did that superb road project on North Road? What a well organized and run transfer station. What about the great job by the Police, Fire Department, FAST Squad, Ladies Auxiliary and citizens who helped out at the Lake plane crash? How about that gentleman who worked to get some assistance from the state in putting up some new fish gates in the harbor? Who were the citizens who joined together to make provisions for an outdoor basket ball court? What a great idea it was for the moderator to ask Sunapee High School National Honor Society members to participate in counting ballots at election time. How about the many people who offer assistance to the elderly; and disabled in our Town? And what about the School volunteers? There are a number of Sunapee people who volunteer at New London Hospital. And kudos to the voters, substitute moderator, DES town attorney, well supporters, Water and Sewer Commission, Town Manager and all who stayed late to finalize the water issue. And how about the ex-selectman from Georges Mills who has been willing to give and no doubt will continue to give some of his Sundays to help perambulate the Town lines?

And speaking of the water issue, it was a long and bona fide community debate focused mainly on sand filtration versus bedrock wells. The dialogue was focused and often heated, but all ideas were heard. The results appear to reflect that both sides of the issue had impact. Bedrock wells will be on line in Georges Mills and slow sand filtration will be installed for the Sunapee system.

Congratulations to the Water and Sewer Department, and specifically to Tim Mulder who helped Sunapee become recognized notionally as having the most improved sewer plant for its size in the entire United States in 1996.

The passage of petitioned Article 36 at the 1995 Town Meeting mandated the Selectmen to ask its state representative to seek legislation that would clarify the Town Manager's authority to have charge, control and supervision of the Town's water works and sewer system, pursuant to NH RSA Chapter 37. That assignment was completed and approved by the legislature in 1996. In the fall of 1996, the Selectmen appointed Edward Epremian, Barbara Briggs, and Bo Quackenbos as a committee to make recommendations for a article to be put on the 1997 warrant. We wish to express our gratitude for their willingness to take on such a challenging and controversial subject.

Last March a citizens petition article asking for a \$70,000 appropriation to fund the first half of a reassessment program for the whole Town was passed by the voters. We anticipate that a similar petition article in the amount of \$70,000 will be presented this year. Since the article specifically requested that they program be done by the NH Department of Revenue, the Board of Selectmen has made tentative arrangements with the State. If the article passes, it is possible that the assessment process could begin by the fall of 1997.

Another issue which has surfaced in recent months is that of dispatch services for Police, Fire, and the FAST Squad. One major concern is whether we have proper facilities to reach all of the Town. The other is cost of dispatch which demands us to closely scrutinize whether we should be with Newport, New London or go on our own. Coupled with the nationwide controversy relative to placement of towers in residential areas, considerable research and planning will be a necessity.

We wish to thank the Department Heads, Budget Committee, and the Town Manager for spending the many hours in helping us formulate an operation budget proposal for 1997. We hope you will be able to join us when we all scrutinize the budget for final adoption at the Annual Town Meeting.

Town Meeting day was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 15th. Due to extenuating circumstances, the School Board asked for, and we

agreed to grant them, that date for their annual meeting. Rather than go as late as Saturday, March 22nd, the Board chose to schedule the annual meeting for 6:00 pm on both Wednesday, March 12th, and Thursday, March 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Leone
Frederick C. Gallup
Jean W. Putonen

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As I looked over my notes from the Selectmen's meetings for 1996, I was struck at how much of my time and effort were related to the environment: water, land pollution, solid waste disposal, and ordinance enforcement. Financial matters, as always, continue to take a lot of time.

WATER:

After the annual Town Meeting turned down the proposal for a slow sand filtration system for Sunapee, the State filed a suit against the Town asking for \$25,000.00 per day fines. We were able to work well with the State and came up with a proposed compliance schedule allowing for two options to be presented to the Special Town Meeting held in July - further exploration of groundwater in Sunapee or design and construction of a surface water filtration plant. After extensive valuable discussion and straw votes, the Town Meeting decided to go with the known slow sand filtration system. My thanks to all who participated in the decision process and for the good, relevant discussions leading to, and at, the Town Meeting. Plans for the new system were presented to the State on January 23, 1997, in accordance with the Consent Decree Schedule.

The design of the Georges Mills well system, including an in-ground reservoir, radon reduction and provisions for fluoride reduction if needed, have been completed, approved by the State and Federal agencies, and bids received. The system is scheduled to be on-line by October. Many property owners have cooperated in granting development and use restriction on portions of their land close to the wells. Others have allowed the subdivision of their land for the placement of the reservoir off Prospect Hill Road. My thanks to them all.

The Water and Sewer Commission was been working closely with the State and Federal Government to obtain grants of approximately \$1.6 million and low interest loans of \$2.1 million for the water projects.

Unfortunately there were some "hits" of water samples taken from both the Georges Mills and Sunapee water systems. The new Water and Sewer Superintendent, David Brennan, has worked closely with the department personnel and the State to find the causes and try to prevent recurrences. It appears that the hits were the result of sampling procedure errors, but it can not be determined definitively. No other causes have been found.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant won the national award for the most improved plant in its size category (see front cover) - a competition against over 15,000 plants! Congratulations to the Department Personnel that made this possible!

The Selectmen, Water and Sewer Commission and Health Officer combined to pass an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of aquatic birds in Sunapee Harbor and at public areas on the lake. This was done to help control the water pollution caused by such birds and the resulting swimmers itch.

GENERAL ENVIRONMENT:

At the Annual Town Meeting, an article to purchase and demolish the old Community Store on was passed. After removing the asbestos contained in the building, it was demolished this summer. Tentative plans for providing three more parking spaces and a two tiered park have been drawn up. Private funds are to be raised for this work.

A cable TV Committee has been meeting with TCI/Twin Valley Cable to try to improve the channel choices and areas served....The Selectmen an I perambulated the New London Town Line in the fall and were prepared to do Springfield's, but the snow came too soon....Alternate names for Main Street and Lake Avenue in Georges Mills are being requested to provide better 9-1-1 service to them....Due to possible interference with other Towns' radios, the Fire Department Repeater has not been installed on the Mt. Sunapee communications tower. Alternatives are being studied with consideration given to the neighborhood environment as well as ensuring good communications for the Fire Department.... Several enforcement actions have been required to obtain compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and wetland regulations - many thanks to the vast

majority of residents who abide by the rules and do not require enforcement actions.

FINANCIAL:

The Town Meeting cut just over \$30,000.00 from the General Government budget for 1996. Unfortunately legal expenses were \$29,000.00 higher than budgeted due to the State suit against the Town for not providing for clean water in compliance with the Federal and State requirements, the suit against the Town relating to the Georges Mills Marian Inn, and a sexual harassment and discrimination claim filed. A few property assessment appeals and extensive inspections for listed improvements added to the over-expenditure of the assessing budget by \$10,000.00. The total actual general fund operating expenditures in 1996 were still approximately \$67,000.00 less than the appropriation.

The Town portion of the tax rate was reduced by 11.1% by almost doubling the use of the unreserved surplus. The school tax rate rose 9.4% and the County rate by 3.8%, for a total tax rate increase of 3.5%.

When faced with an approximately 25% increase in the health insurance rate for 1997, we worked with the NH Municipal Association Health Insurance Trust and our employees to find a better solution. The option of BlueChoice was picked and all employees using the Town Health Insurance opted to change over to it, resulting in a decrease in the cost to the Town and employees.

As a result of decisions to not apply for re-appointment and a resignation, the Board of Selectmen appointed a new Budget Advisory Committee. They have been working hard to become acquainted with the budget and budget procedures, have worked closely with the Selectmen, myself and department heads, and at the time of writing this, are deciding on their recommendations for consideration at Town Meeting.

Volunteer time by many people continues to be very important to the Town. Both the formal Boards and Committees and the informal citizen groups and individuals are greatly appreciated. My thanks to all the volunteers and employees for their dedicated work for the benefit of the Town. I urge all to continue and many more to join them.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler, Town Manager

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM,
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997
BUSINESS SESSIONS WILL START AT 6:00 PM ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997,
AND CONTINUE, IF NECESSARY, AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sunapee, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium located on Route 11, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday the 11th day of March, 1997, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon Articles 1 and 2.

Pursuant to the terms of RSA 39:2-A, you are also hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium in said Sunapee on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 1997 at Six of the clock in the evening to act upon Articles 3 through 37 as set forth in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Sunapee.

By petition. Three-fifths (3/5) majority required.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following money for the General Government:

Executive	\$102,006.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Elections	83,890.00
Finance	55,878.00
Assessing	16,000.00
Legal	17,000.00
Personnel Benefits Not Allocated	500.00

Planning & Zoning	26,024.00
Buildings & Grounds	20,530.00
Cemeteries	12,505.00
General Government Insurance	3,200.00
Information Booth	8,047.00
Other General Government	<u>19,627.00</u>
Total General Government	\$365,207.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.89.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following money for Public Safety:

Police Department	\$317,317.00
Ambulance	9,260.00
Fire	78,936.00
Emergency Management	<u>200.00</u>
Total Public Safety	\$405,713.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.99.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following money for Highways and Sanitation:

Highways	\$535,361.00
Street Lights	35,500.00
Transfer Station	<u>308,837.00</u>
Total Public Works	\$879,698.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee with \$303,837 for Transfer Station.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$2.14.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following money for Public Services and Debt:

Health Officer	\$3,895.00
Animal Control	650.00
Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association	6,470.00
Kearsarge Area Council on Aging	1,500.00
General Assistance	66,262.00
Recreation	45,815.00
Abbott Library	94,773.00
Patriotic/Band Concerts	2,950.00
Conservation	500.00
Debt Service, Principal	168,566.00
Debt Service, Interest	45,455.00
Debt Service, Short Term	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total Public Services and Debt	<u>\$448,836.00</u>

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$1.09.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following money for the special revenue funds:

Water Department	\$148,671.00
Sewer Collection	144,821.00
Sewer Plant	235,012.00
Sewer Debt	130,272.00
Hydroelectric Operating	48,780.00
Hydroelectric Debt	<u>94,000.00</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$801,556.00</u>

The Board of Selectman and The Budget Advisory Committee recommend a decrease of \$3,780.00 for the Water and Sewer Department budget as follows:

Water Department	\$147,411.00
Sewer Collection	143,561.00
Sewer Plant	233,752.00
Sewer Debt	130,272.00
Hydroelectric Operating	48,780.00
Hydroelectric Debt	<u>94,000.00</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$797,776.00</u>

This Article will not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote for the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE
SUNAPEE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM.**

Pursuant to the authority conferred by NH Laws 1996, Chapter 91, the Town of Sunapee Ordains as follows:

1. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen shall have control and direction over the water and sewer systems of the Town and shall exercise the general authority granted under RSA Chapters 38 and 149-I, as well as any special authority conferred by NH Laws 1901, Chapter 197, as amended by NH Laws 1973, Chapter 465. The Water and Sewer Commission created under NH Laws 1973, Chapter 465 is hereby abolished and all authority previously exercised by it is hereby transferred to the Selectmen.

2. The operational management of the Water and Sewer Department shall be conducted by the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department, under the supervision of the Town Manager, in accordance with the Manager's authority as set forth in RSA 37:5 and 6, VII(a) and (e).

3. A Water and Sewer Board is hereby created. It shall consist of 5 members who shall be elected, beginning at the Annual Town Meeting in 1998, to staggered terms of 3 years, so that no more than 2 members shall be elected to full terms in any one year. During the period from the effective date of this Ordinance to the annual meeting in 1998, the membership of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. First consideration for such appointment shall be given to members of the Water and Sewer Commission holding office immediately prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, who may wish to be appointed. Any subsequent vacancies in the Board shall be filled through appointment by the Selectmen until the next annual meeting, when the vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired term. The Board shall have such duties and responsibilities as the Selectmen may determine, subject to provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 1997.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,530.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser, to trade-in or sell the present 1994 Ford cruiser, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to offset the amount to be raised by taxation. It is expected that the Town will receive \$5,000.00 for the trade-in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.05.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,290.00 for the purchase of a new police radar unit; 50% of the cost will be reimbursed by a grant already approved by the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by less than \$0.01.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,111.00 for a police program in which Sunapee Police Officers will be rotated through a teaching and resource program at the Sunapee Middle High School that will deal with many police/community issues and projects aimed at the high school age group during the 1997 and 1998 school years. Said funds shall not be expended unless a grant of approximately \$10,000 for such is received from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by less than \$0.01.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund formed by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring or refurbishing fire apparatus and equipment.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.10..

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of necessary equipment and structures for the preparation and installation of a radio repeater previously authorized.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, subject to further information.
No recommendation by the Budget Advisory Committee at time of printing.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.04.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to reconstruct the center and easterly sections of the Town Dock in Sunapee Harbor. The westerly section was rebuilt in 1996.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.03.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to reimburse the Georges Mills Water System Project approved by Special Town Meetings in 1995, for the additional costs to be incurred for the rebuilding the total width of that portion of Prospect Hill Road to be disturbed by the water system improvement project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.04.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 to rebuild Chase Street including, but not limited to, new culverts, the grinding of the current surface, and new pavement.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.09.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000.00 for the installation of new water lines in Chase Street in conjunction with its rebuilding as proposed in the previous Article; and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Water Department Funds.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.
This Article would not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.
This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.17.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 for a new pick-up truck for the Highway Department; to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$19,000.00 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund previously created for this purpose; to trade-in or sell the present Highway Department pick-up truck, and to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.
This Article would not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$18,000.00 for shim coating North Road from Ryder Corner Road to Trow Hill Road.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.
This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.04.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing and constructing a new Highway Garage facility on Avery Road in Sunapee, Map 7, Lot 49; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to designate the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.
This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.06.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing used highway equipment; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to designate the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend. The first item expected to be purchased from this fund is a trailer for hauling equipment to and from work sites.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.02.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,600.00 for the final landfill closure plans and the continued water sampling program for the Avery Road landfill site presently used for recycling and wood burning. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the plans and water sampling requirements are completed or December 31, 1999, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.08.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a four wheel drive truck with necessary accessories, including a plow, for use by the Water and Sewer Department; to authorize the sale or trade-in of the 1989 GMC plow truck; to authorize the use of said trade-in or sale to off-set the remaining sum which is to be drawn equally from the Water Capital Improvements fund, Sewer Plant replacement fund and Sewer Collection Capital Improvements funds. It is expected that the Town will receive \$4,000.00 for the trade-in.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend that the appropriation be decreased to \$24,000.00.

This Article would not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of repairing the oxidation ditch at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Sewer Attachment Fee Fund. The Town of New London

Sewer Department's share shall be deposited into the Sewer Attachment Fee Fund upon receipt.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the repair of the cement water holding tank and adjacent retaining wall located on Harbor Hill, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Water Attachment Fee Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would not affect the Tax Rate.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to build a garage at the Eastman Cemetery for the cemetery Department maintenance needs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.01.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,510.00 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund established in 1989 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the December 31, 1996, fund balance.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by less than \$0.01.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to finalize the two year reserve funding for a complete revaluation by the Department of Revenue Administration, Property Appraisal Division, and pass any vote thereto.

By Petition.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee recommend the revaluation without the restriction of hiring the Department of Revenue Administration.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.17.

ARTICLE 31. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sunapee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Paper Ballot Required.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to implement some of the Forest Management Plan recommendations made to the Conservation Commission, including boundary identification, blazing and painting; and to authorize the use \$2,800 of the Bartlett Tyler Trust Funds for such purposes. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed, or December 31, 1998, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

This Article would affect the Tax Rate by a projected \$0.01.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to place 50% of the land use change tax, but not to exceed \$2,500 in any one fiscal year, directly into the Conservation Commission Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Public Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 202-A:

4-d, said authority to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will Vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets (i.e.: old vehicles or equipment) as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance with RSA 80:52-a, said authority to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town is in favor of establishing a study committee to research the feasibility of the Town of Sunapee publishing a comprehensive history of Sunapee through the year 2000. Said study committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within thirty days of the date of approval of this article and said committee to report back to the March 1998 Town Meeting with its findings and recommendations for consideration by the 1998 Town Meeting.

By Petition.

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-seven.

Richard C. Leone, Chairman
Frederick C. Gallup
Jean W. Putonen

A true Copy of Warrant, Attest

Richard C. Leone, Chairman
Frederick C. Gallup
Jean W. Putonen

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Acct.	Acct. Description	'96 Voted (1)	'96 Spent (2)	'97 Dept. Requested (3)	'97 BAC Recommend (4)	'97 Selectmen Recommend (5)	% Inc. (5)/(1)
General Government							
4130	Executive	100,144	91,305	103,606	102,006	102,006	1.85
4140	Town Clerk/Town Collector	90,410	84,212	83,805	83,890	83,890	-7.22
4150	Finance	55,329	47,429	56,766	55,878	55,878	.90
4152	Assessing	16,000	26,421	17,000	16,000	16,000	0.00
4153	Legal Fees	17,000	46,061	17,000	17,000	17,000	0.00
4155	Personnel Benefits not Allocated		500	500	500	500	
4191	Planning & Zoning Boards	28,577	22,200	28,194	26,024	26,024	-8.93
4194	Town Government Buildings	14,179	13,468	21,430	20,530	20,530	1.45
4195	Cemetery	11,916	10,254	12,505	12,505	12,505	1.05
4196	General Govt. Insurance	4,200	2,878	3,200	3,200	3,200	-23.8
4197	Information Booth	6,962	6,464	8,047	8,047	8,047	1.15
4199	Other General Government	(9,329)	17,556	21,627	19,627	19,627	2.10
	Total General Government	335,386	368,749	373,680	365,207	365,207	1.09
Public Safety							
4210	Police Department	289,892	270,344	297,677	317,317	317,317	1.09
4215	Ambulance Service	13,500	13,168	9,260	9,260	9,260	-31.41
4220	Fire Department	79,673	74,703	80,636	78,936	78,936	-93
4290	Emergency Management	200		200	200	200	0.00
	Total Public Safety	383,265	358,216	387,773	405,713	405,713	1.06

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE (page 2)

Acct.	Acct. Description	'96 Voted (1)	'96 Spent (2)	'97 Dept. Requested (3)	'97 BAC Recommend (4)	'97 Selectmen Recommend (5)	% Inc. (5)/(1)
Public Works							
4311	Highway Department	532,598	525,389	536,821	535,361	535,361	1.01
4316	Street Lights	33,000	33,673	35,500	35,500	35,500	1.07
4324	Transfer Station	338,115	298,658	302,147	303,837	308,837	-8.66
	Total Public Works	903,713	857,721	874,468	874,698	879,698	-2.66
Public Service							
4411	Health Officer	3,860	3,405	3,895	3,895	3,895	1.01
4414	Animal Control	650	336	650	650	650	0.00
4415	Health Services	10,482	7,488	8,045	7,970	7,970	-23.97
4442	Welfare	61,550	43,632	58,437	66,262	66,262	1.08
4520	Recreation Department	41,354	38,009	45,835	45,815	45,815	1.11
4550	Library	90,583	90,622	92,435	94,773	94,773	1.05
4589	Patriotic/Band Concerts	2,500	2,611	2,500	2,950	2,950	1.18
4611	Conservation Commission	500	500	501	500	500	0.00
	Total Public Service	211,479	186,603	212,298	222,815	222,815	1.05
Debt Service							
4711	Debt Service - Principal	160,154	160,967	168,566	168,566	168,566	1.05
4721	Debt Service - Interest	52,333	52,333	45,455	45,455	45,455	-13.15
4723	Tan Interest	7,000	1,262	15,000	12,000	12,000	71.40
	Total Debt Service	219,487	214,562	229,021	226,021	226,021	1.03

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE (page 3)

Acct.	Acct. Description	'96 Voted (1)	'96 Spent (2)	'97 Dept. Requested (3)	'97 BAC Recommend (4)	'97 Selectmen Recommend (5)	% Inc. (5)/(1)
4901	Special Articles W/T Bonds	396,600	374,874	518,041	359,041	359,041	-10.46
4912	Expendible Trusts	1,925	1,925	1,510	1,510	1,510	-27.48
4915	Capital Reserve Fund	212,500	212,500	135,000	135,000	135,000	-57.41
	Total Miscellaneous	611,025	589,299	654,551	495,551	495,551	-23.30
	Subtotal General Government	2,664,355	2,575,149	2,731,791	2,590,005	2,595,005	-2.67
	Special Bonding Articles	2,680,000					
	Total Gen Gov't w/Bonds	5,344,355	2,575,149	2,731,791	2,590,005	2,595,005	-105.95
	Special Revenue Operation Funds						
	Hydroelectric Operating	50,622	35,489	48,780	48,780	48,780	-3.78
	Hydroelectric Debt	101,125	101,125	94,000	94,000	94,000	-7.58
	Total Hydroelectric	151,747	136,614	142,780	142,780	142,780	-6.28
	Water Dept. Operating	138,520	123,480	148,671	147,411	147,411	6.03
	Sewer Department						
	Sewer Collection	116,292	110,060	144,821	143,561	143,561	18.99
	Sewer Debt	145,093	145,093	130,272	130,272	130,272	-11.38
	Sewer Plant	214,670	209,803	235,012	233,752	233,752	8.16
	Total Sewer Operating	476,055	464,956	510,105	507,585	507,585	6.21
	Total Special Revenue	766,322	725,050	801,556	797,776	797,776	3.94
	Grand Total W/T Bonds	3,430,677	3,300,199	3,533,347	3,387,781	3,392,781	-1.12
	GRAND TOTAL	6,110,677	3,300,199	3,533,347	3,387,781	3,392,781	-80.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Source	1996 <u>Estimated</u>	1996 <u>Actual</u>	1997 <u>Estimated</u>	'97-'96 <u>Estimates</u>
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax	2,000	4,720	2,000	0
Yield Taxes	1,000	1,818	1,000	0
Interest & Penalties	60,000	115,399	100,000	40,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Vehicle Registrations	300,000	349,764	315,000	15,000
Building & Land Permits	3,000	4,175	4,000	1,000
Other Licences/Permits/Fees	24,000	28,371	25,000	1,000
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenue-State	33,820	53,220	50,000	16,180
Highway Block Grant	69,501	82,774	70,000	499
Water Pollution Grants	70,594	60,046	68,015	(2,579)
Other State Grants	10,378	7,478		(10,378)
NH - Rooms and Meals		20,944	20,944	20,944
Police Safety Grants		1,935	11,145	11,145
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
Springfield for T/S	79,635	82,428	61,767	(17,868)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	73,974			(73,974)
General Gov't Misc.		2,535	2,500	2,500
Police Special Details		11,485	10,000	10,000
Recycling		12,781	12,000	12,000
Sewer Bond from Users		13,499		0
Water Bonds from Users			2,500	2,500
Town Dock Rental		3,374	3,491	3,491
Burial Income		2,100	2,000	2,000
Office Rent/Services			3,000	3,000
T/S Ticket Sales		30,919	30,000	30,000
Other Charges	28,400			(28,400)
Sale of Cemetery Lots		1,510	2,000	2,000
Sale of Highway Equipment		67,707	2,000	2,000
Sale of Cruiser			5,000	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Interest on Investments	30,000	42,406	30,000	0
Fines, Witness Fees, Restitution		3,578	1,500	1,500
Insurance Reimbursement		1,000	6,000	6,000
Donations - 38 Main Street		5,950	14,000	14,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES (page 2)

Source	1996 <u>Estimated</u>	1996 <u>Actual</u>	1997 <u>Estimated</u>	'97-'96 <u>Estimates</u>
Other Revenues		3,287	4,800	4,800
Insurance Dividends	81,028	57,195	41,613	(39,415)
INTERFUND OPERATING				
TRANSFER IN				
Water Filtration Bond	2,680,000	2,680,000		(2,680,000)
Enterprise Fund - Sewer	489,895	489,895	562,105	72,210
Enterprise Fund - Water	150,980	150,980	199,671	48,691
Enterprise Fund - Hydro	156,747	156,747	142,780	(13,967)
Capital Reserve Fund	212,500	153,641	19,000	(193,500)
Trust & Agency Funds	1,925	1,925	1,510	(415)
Surplus to Offset Tax Rate	400,000	400,000	400,000	0
TOTAL	4,959,377	5,105,584	2,226,341	(2,733,036)

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Budget Committee has a new slate of members this year. We feel it might be helpful to consider the change that has taken place over the ten years ending December 31, 1996, to gain perspective on what appropriation requests should be approved at the 1997 Town Meeting. As you know from reading the warrant, voters will be asked to approve 27 requests for authority to spend money (appropriations). The requests came from heads of the Town's operating departments which provide the services essential to our common good.

Of the 27 requests for spending authority, the 5 largest (Articles 4 through 8) will provide funding for General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Public Services, and Special Revenue Funds (our self-sustaining departments). The remaining requests (articles on the warrant) are referred to as Special Articles. They are special in the sense that the voter is given a special opportunity to approve or disapprove the completion of a task or the purchase of a piece of equipment, as requested by the department head.

Change over the past ten years: Following Town Meeting in 1986, property taxes paid \$812,786 of the appropriations voted to support the Town's operations. Following town meetings in 1996, the Town raised \$1,316,555 from property taxes for the same purposes. That is an increase of \$503,769 in the ten year period. It averages out to an increase of 6.2% for each of those years. Your Committee believes this rate of increase must be slowed.

Proposed change 1997 over 1996: If all the expenditure articles on the warrant are approved by the voters, there will be a decrease from 1996 of 0.25% in operations spending (all spending excluding the water bond).

We have taken a careful look at revenues the Town receives from sources other than property taxes. Each year the Board of Selectmen estimates in detail, the amounts of non-property income the Board expects to receive during the year. In 1996, the Board's conservative estimate at the time of setting the tax rate in November was \$2,279,377. The present estimated non-property tax income for 1997 is \$2,226,341.

This translates into a projected 0.5% decrease in your portion of the Town Government property tax rate. We commend the Selectmen, Town

Manager and department heads for being able to lower the town portion of the tax rate two years in a row!

Water & Sewer Department - The Committee strongly believe that it is in the best interest of all residents of the Town of Sunapee to have the Water and Sewer Department report directly to the Town Manager and Selectmen as all other departments do. We believe that there are expenses that could be eliminated and fiscal oversight would be enhanced.

School Budget - During the budgeting process, various members of the Budget Advisory Committee were able to attend the meetings held by the School Board to discuss the 1997 budget. This has been a learning experience for the new Budget Advisory Committee. The Committee hopes to work more closely with the School Board on the formation of a 1998 School Budget that will continue to provide quality education without undually increasing the School tax rate as the School portion of the total tax rate in 1996 was 61.8% vs the Town's at 20.7% and the county's at 17.5%.

Respectfully submitted,

The Budget Adviority Committee

Tina Naimie, Charles Balyeat, James Elliott, Emma Smith, Donna Davis

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

1996

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	685,911.00
Residential	207,936,400.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>10,739,800.00</u>
Total Taxable Land:	<u>\$ 219,362,111.00</u>

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	171,746,100.00
Manufactured Housing	1,165,700.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>13,714,400.00</u>
Total Taxable Buildings:	<u>\$ 186,626,200.00</u>

Public Utilities:	<u>\$ 5,498,800.00</u>
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Valuation Before Exemptions:	<u>\$ 411,487,114.00</u>
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Exemptions:

Blind Exemptions	30,000.00
Elderly Exemptions	<u>1,216,900.00</u>
Total Amount of Exemptions:	<u>\$ 1,246,900.00</u>

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed:	\$ 410,240,211.00
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EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION:

There is an exemption for those property owners who meet the following qualifications (A proposed Article in this year's warrant changes these limits):

1. You must be at least 65 years of age on April 1st.
2. Your income cannot exceed \$10,000, if you are single, or \$12,000 if you are married. This does not include money that is received from Social Security payments. It does include interest and dividends, retirement benefits, etc.
3. Your total assets may not exceed \$50,000. This excludes the value of your residence.

If you are 65 - 74 years of age and qualify, \$20,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 74 - 79 years of age and qualify, \$30,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

If you are 80 years of age or older and qualify, \$40,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

There is an exemption for eligible Veterans and/or Widows of Veterans. The exemption is \$100 and is deducted after your taxes have been calculated and prior to mailing your second half tax bill.

BLIND EXEMPTION

If you are legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Department of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department you may be eligible for this exemption. For this exemption, \$15,000 is deducted from your assessed valuation.

Further information, and applications for these exemptions may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or call 763-2212.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1996

MAP/LOT	PROPERTY	ASSESSED		CONTENTS	INSURED VALUE	
		VALUE	BUILDING		EQUIPMENT	VEHICLES
26/13	Town Hall, Building	162,000	220,000	50,000		
	Coffin Park Land	36,000				
26/25	Library, Land & Buildings	172,200	250,000	400,000		
26/92	Police Department, Land & Buildings	104,100	400,000	50,000	30,350	52,885
14/69A	Fire Department Land & Buildings					746,800
25/6	Georges Mills Fire Station	57,000	67,740	20,000		
	Sunapee Fire Station (bldg)	73,400	130,410	40,000	187,800	
	Note: Land combined w/HWY Dept. land					
25/6	Highway Department, Buildings	59,500	123,165	40,000	31,200	531,500
	Land - includes Sunapee Fire Station & Rte 11 Ballfield	191,500				
7/47 & 49	Transfer Recycling Facility	253,200	55,000	20,000	33,000	85,500
	<u>Parks, Commons & Playgrounds:</u>					
6/1	Ski Tow	109,600				
6/9	Dewey Woods - includes 6/6 6/7; 23/7	514,600				
6/47	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	368,100				
14/40	Georges Mills Dock & Beach	444,000				
26/21	38 Main Street	38,400				

MAP/LOT	PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUE	BUILDING	INSURED VALUE		
				CONTENTS	EQUIPMENT	VEHICLES
23/9	Dewey Beach(Note: Pump included)	481,900	24,150	1,150		
26/57	Town Docks - Sunapee Harbor	552,200	19,925	575		
26/65	Ben Mere Park/Bandstand	299,800	35,000			
30/36	R.O.W. Burkehaven Lane	25,200				
14/59	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	46,700				
14/62	R.O.W. Jobs Creek Road	48,600				
	<u>Water Supply Facilities:</u>					
26/62A	R.O.W. to Reservoir	2,400				
26/90A	Pump Station - River Rd.	36,700	54,340	46,000		
27/24A	Reservoir - Burkehaven Rd.	477,700	6,040			
	Water Dept. Bldg. - Meadowbrook					
	Municipal Water Supply Land	38,600				
	10/7-4; 10/7-5; 10/7-6; 10/7-9; 10/7-10; 10/7-11					
	<u>Sewer Plant and Facilities:</u>					
5/22	Treatment Plant	3,417,800	566,965	115,575		
	Land & Pump Stations	179,300	1,098,528			
	6/10A; 18/19C; 23/6A; 24/47A;					
	25/36A; 25/36B; 27/13A; 27/55A;					
	29/13A; 29/29; 32/17-1					
26/11	<u>Hydroelectric Plant:</u>	1,528,600	131,250	400,000		
	<u>Schools, Land & Buildings:</u>					
7/55	Middle High School	2,420,400				
22/28	Playground	56,200				
22/42	Land off Lower Main St.	5,000				
25/4 & 4A	Elementary School, House, Gym	1,940,600				
	<u>Land & Buildings acquired through</u>					
						58,359

MAP/LOT	PROPERTY	ASSESSED		INSURED VALUE	
		VALUE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	EQUIPMENT VEHICLES
	Cemeteries:				
	includes 9/15; 9/34; 14/42B; 22/16	155,500			
	<u>All other property and equipment:</u>				
	Ledge Pond Property	569,100			
	includes 10/15; 10/15A				
	11/15; 11/16; 11/21				
	Parking Lots, includes	63,300			
	26/19; 26/20; 26/22; 26/53-1				
8/6	Webb - Flint Lot	46,000			
23/1 & 2	Land on Route 11	32,500			
10/44	Spaulding Property - Otter Pond	11,100			
26/10	Information Booth	45,400			
30/9	Birch Point Road	73,900			
5/56-2	Crowther Chapel	41,000	30,000		
4/21-E	Stagecoach Ln - Backland	9,500			
5/27-A	Off Rte 11 - Near Treatment	23,200			
	Plant Road				
8/39	Jobs Creek Rd - Wooded Lot	25,700			
4/24-H	Harbor Hill Road	90,100			
	<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>15,365,300</u>	<u>3,212,513</u>	<u>1,183,300</u>	<u>282,350</u>
					<u>1,475,044</u>

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 1996

- Article 1: Officers elected on non-partisan ballot 03/12/96.
- Article 2: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 3: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 4: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 5: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 6: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 7: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 8: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 9: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 10: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 11: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 12: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 13: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 14: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 15: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 16: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 17: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 18: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 19: Ballot vote. Passed.
- Article 20: An amendment was made to add "must go out to bid before any contract is signed." The amendment passed by voice vote. Ballot box was opened at 10:20AM, and closed at 11:30AM. 97 YES and 103 NO. Article failed.
- Article 21: Passed.
- Article 22: Amended to a bottom line of \$330,000. Show of hands vote of 94 YES and 78 NO passed the amended article.
- Article 23: Amended to a bottom line of \$354,000. Amendment failed and original article passed.
- Article 24: Amended to a bottom line of \$826,000. Ballot vote of 83 YES and 80 NO, failed amendment. Original article passed.
- Article 25: Amended to a bottom line of \$201,600. Amendment failed by voice vote. Original article passed.
- Article 26: Amended to add \$813.00 to bottom line. Amendment passed by voice vote. Amended article passed.
- Article 27: Amended to a bottom line of \$760,852. Amendment passed. Amendment made to add "None of this money shall be expended to compensate members of the Water and Sewer

Commission for performance of commission duties."

Amendment failed. Amended article passed.

Article 28: Amended to read \$27,520. Amendment passed. Amended article passed.

Article 29: Passed.

Article 30: Passed.

Article 31: Passed.

Article 32: Passed.

Article 33: Passed.

Article 34: Passed.

Article 35: Passed.

Article 36: Passed.

Article 37: Passed.

Article 38: Passed.

Article 39: Passed.

Article 40: Passed.

Article 41: Passed.

Article 42: Passed.

Article 43: Passed.

Article 44: Passed.

Article 45: Passed.

Article 46: Passed.

Article 47: Ballot box opened at 2:15PM, and closed at 3:15PM. 61 YES and 105 NO. Article failed.

Article 48: Amended to read "To see if the Town will authorize a capital reserve of \$70,000 for a future and complete revaluation by the NH Department of Revenue, Property Appraisal Division with the Selectmen as Agents to administer and expend the fund." Amendment passed, and amended article passed.

Article 49: Passed.

Article 50: Passed.

Article 51: Passed.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sunapee in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee on Tuesday, the 23rd day of July, 1996 at seven of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following:

Article 1 (Georges Mills System)

To see if the Town will ratify the Consent Decree with the State of New Hampshire which provides a completion schedule for conversion to groundwater supply to bring the Georges Mills Water System into compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and for enforcement of the schedule.

Article 2 (Sunapee System)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to conduct necessary evaluations to determine the feasibility and economics of a groundwater source of supply, as compared to surface water filtration alternatives for the Sunapee Water System, which will meet National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, and to complete such evaluations so that final well testing data may be submitted to the State of New Hampshire no later than February 28, 1997, in compliance with "Schedule A" set forth in the Consent Decree entered with the State of New Hampshire by the Board of Selectmen and the Water and Sewer Commission, which Consent Decree is hereby ratified, the said appropriation to be expended as follows:

Detailed Exploration and Test Drilling, ("Phases IIa and IIb" as specified in Estimate of HydroSource Associates, dated May 30, 1996) - \$122,950;

Engineering evaluation of results of exploration and test drilling - \$10,000;

Production Wells, Testing and Approval, ("Phases IIIa and IIIb" as specified in Estimate of HydroSource Associates, dated May 30, 1996) - \$181,000, to be expended only if engineering evaluation confirms feasibility of achieving production to meet State requirements;

Access rights, site acquisition options and contingency associated with the foregoing - \$86,050.

And to raise the said sum from issuance and sale of bonds for these purposes, provided:

(1) Without impairing the general obligation of the Town to repay such bonds, the Water and Sewer Commission shall collect through user fees amounts necessary to support repayment of 0% of the portion of project costs supported by such bonds; and

(2) The Water and Sewer Commission is authorized to defray a portion of the costs of the project and thereby reduce the amount to be raised from the issuance and sale of bonds, from any and all grants-in-aid available from the United States of America or the State of New Hampshire for said purpose, acceptance of which is hereby authorized, together with authorization to incur indebtedness in anticipation of receipt of such grants-in-aid, pursuant to RSA 33:7-b. The Water and Sewer Commission shall determine whether the amount to be raised from issuance and sale of bonds may be reduced after determining the amounts available from the alternate sources specified in the paragraph.

(If Article 2 is adopted, Article 3 will be omitted at the July 1996 special meeting. If Article 2 is not adopted, Article 3 will be considered).

Article 3 (Sunapee System)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700,000 for design and construction of a water filtration plant for the Sunapee Water System, and any necessary tanks, mains or other associated facilities and equipment, and acquisition of necessary land and easements; and to raise said sum from issuance and sale of bonds for these purposes, provided:

(1) Without impairing the general obligation of the town to repay such bonds, the Water and Sewer Commission shall collect through user fees amounts necessary to support repayment of 75% of the portion of project costs supported by such bonds; and

(2) The Water and Sewer Commission is authorized to defray a portion of the costs of the project and thereby reduce the amount to be raised from

the issuance and sale of bonds, from any and all grants-in-aid available from the United States of America or the State of New Hampshire for said purpose, acceptance of which is hereby authorized, together with authorization to incur indebtedness in anticipation of receipt of such grants-in-aid, pursuant to RSA 33:7-b. The Water and Sewer Commission shall determine whether the amount to be raised from issuance and sale of bonds may be reduced after determining the amounts available from the alternate sources specified in this paragraph; and

(3) Construction of said plant shall comply with "Schedule C" set forth in the Consent Decree entered into with the State of New Hampshire by the Board of Selectmen and the Water and Sewer Commission, which Consent Decree is hereby ratified.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the appropriation previously voted at the Special Town Meeting of July 19, 1993, as to the unexpended balance of \$2,182,317.77, after deduction therefrom the sum of \$19,398.62. which the Water and Sewer Commission is hereby authorized to use to reimburse the Water and Sewer Surplus Account on account of payment for certain invoices for engineering services performed by Roy F. Weston, Inc., as full and final compensation for such services.

Given under out hands and seal this Seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:
Richard C. Leone, Chairman
Frederick C. Gallup
Jean W. Putonen

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 23, 1996

Article 1: Passed.

Article 2: It was amended to have the meeting resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and step away from the formal Town Meeting to have open discussion, then take a straw vote on the issue of well water vs. ground water. Once the body has a sense of the feelings and has had its questions answered, the Town Meeting would resume. A show of hands vote passed the amendment with 110 YES and 76 NO. The straw vote was 97 in favor of well water and 123 for filtration of surface water. An amendment was made to have 50% of costs of the article to be paid by the Board of Selectmen's unreserved balance, and 50% by the Water and Sewer Department's unreserved balances. A ballot vote failed the amendment with 77 YES and 122 NO. The box opened for voting at 10:44PM, and closed at 11:45PM. The article failed with 91 YES and 122 NO.

Article 3: The box was opened for voting at 12:00MID and closed at 1:00AM. The article passed with 102 YES and 33 NO.

Article 4: It was amended to change the amount raised to \$2,680,000. The amendment passed by a voice vote. A show of hands vote passed the amended article with 89 YES and 5 NO.

1996 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$6,110,977.00	
Less: Revenues	\$4,959,377.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$12,628.00	
Add: Overlay	\$150,283.00	
Add: War Service Credits	\$27,300.00	
Net Town Appropriation		\$1,316,555.00
Town Tax Rate		3.21

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$3,959,038.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$22,835.00	
Net School Appropriation		\$3,936,203.00
School Tax Rate		9.59

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$1,114,950.00	
Less: Shared Revenue	\$4,882.00	
Net County Appropriation		\$1,110,068.00
County Tax Rate		<u>2.71</u>
Total Tax Rate		<u>15.51</u>

Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 6,125,686.00	
Less: War Service Credits	\$ 27,300.00	
Total Property Tax Commitment		\$ 6,098,386.00

1997 - ESTIMATED TAX RATE

Appropriations	\$3,422,051.00	
Less: Revenues	\$2,226,341.00	
Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 12,682.00	
Add: Overlay	\$ 100,000.00	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 27,300.00	
Net Town Appropriation		\$1,310,328.00
Town Tax Rate		3.19

BALANCE SHEET - UNAUDITED

Assets as of 12/31/96

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$1,588,348.99
Hydro Electric Fund	270,818.33
Water Dept. Funds	173,165.61
Sewer Dept. Funds	703,130.00
W/S Funds	5,281.58
Misc. other Funds	49,138.98

Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	<u>\$2,789,883.49</u>
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

PSNH	\$41,558.40
PSNH	39,744.00
Capital Reserve Funds	153,640.87
Expendable Insurance Fund - Police	234.50
Water & Sewer Reimbursements	44,115.39

Total Accounts Receivable	\$279,293.16
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TAXES UNCOLLECTED:

Levy of 1996	\$671,881.37
Levy of 1995	243,179.87
Levy of 1994	142,171.89
Levy of 1993	7,908.19
Levy of 1992	1,335.12
Levy of 1991	596.56
Levy of 1990	805.23
Levy of 1989	677.60
Total:	\$1,068,555.83

TOTAL ACCTS. RECEIVABLE/UNCOLLECTED:	\$1,347,848.99
TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	<u>\$4,137,732.48</u>

LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/96:

Overpayment of taxes	\$20,097.81
Unexpended Balances:	
38 Main Street Purchase (96 Art. #39)	835.58
Otter Pond Dam (96 Art. #37)	240.25
Highway Garage - Avery Rd. (96 Art. #40)	24,900.00
Town Office Security (94 Art. #20)	9,900.00
Landfill Closing (94 Art. #27)	184.16
Fire Department Equipment (95 Art. #27)	2,867.00
Conservation Commission (95 Art. #17)	190.00
Highway Fuel Tanks (95 Art. #21)	10,050.89
Feasibility Study (95 Art. #32)	2,775.00
Otter Pond Dam (95 Art. #34)	7,469.00

Due to Other Funds:

Friends of Town Hall	638.01
Bartlett Tyler Fund	34,916.16
Sunapee Center Associates	383.25
Bandstand Account	986.26
Conservation Commission	1,190.18
Dewey Woods Commission	3,382.04
Harbor Ridge Property Account	2,589.04
Special Recreation Account	4,709.44
Coffin Memorial Account	217.70
Special Fund - Pistol Permits	126.90
Hydro Electric Plant Account	270,818.33
Water Department Fund	173,165.61
Sewer Department Fund	703,130.00
W/S Construction Fund	5,281.58
Due to School	1,912,021.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$3,193,065.19

FUND BALANCE (Assets vs Liabilities): 941,667.29

Fund Balance December 31, 1995 1,038,950.25

Fund Balance December 31, 1996 941,667.29

Change in Financial Condition: -97,282.96

TOWN OF SUNAPEE
SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING LONG
TERM NOTES AND BONDS

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding December 31, 1995
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 806,250.00	1991	2001	6.75	\$ 560,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	\$ 393,750.00	1991	2001	6.70	\$ 275,000.00
Sewer Bond	\$ 1,933,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 460,000.00
Water Bond	\$ 350,000.00	1974	2001	5.00	\$ 70,000.00
Hydro-Electric Bond	\$ 1,100,000.00	1984	1999	9.50	\$ 350,000.00
Sewer Bonds	\$ 453,300.00	1986	2001	7.25	\$ 210,000.00
Garnett Hill Road	\$ 379,315.00	1994	N/A	Various	\$ 469,777.00
TOTAL:					\$ 2,394,777.00

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1995, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	\$ 301,000.00	\$ 106,205.00	\$ 407,205.00
1997	\$ 301,000.00	\$ 85,010.00	\$ 386,010.00
1998	\$ 300,500.00	\$ 63,815.00	\$ 364,315.00
1999	\$ 275,500.00	\$ 42,645.00	\$ 318,145.00
2000	\$ 225,500.00	\$ 23,820.00	\$ 249,320.00
2001	\$ 220,500.00	\$ 9,898.00	\$ 230,398.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,624,000.00	\$ 331,393.00	\$ 1,955,393.00

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Sunapee for the year ended December 31, 1995, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of there systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

The following conditions were noted that we consider to be reportable conditions:

FEDERAL NONCOMPLIANCE

As disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Town was charged by the Environmental Protection Agency for noncompliance with the National Primary Drinking Water regulations. According to the injunction, the Town could face penalties of up to \$25,000 a day, for each day of noncompliance.

The Town voted in July 1993 to appropriate \$2,300,000 for a water filtration plant and to fund it through the issuance of long-term debt. As of December 31, 1995, there has been no activity on this project.

CASH ACCOUNTS

It was noted during the audit that the General Fund, cash and certain water and sewer accounts were not in agreement with the Town Treasurer's records. We recommend that all cash be reconciled with the Treasurer on a monthly basis and any adjustments, if necessary, can be made at that time.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose

financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of NH, the Town of Sunapee has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sunapee, as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sunapee. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and , in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1995

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 816,125	\$ 700,410	\$
Investments	1,128,647	395,901	
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Interest		3,004	
Taxes	803,588		
Accounts		219,636	
Special Assessments		218,111	
Intergovernmental	20,000	16,893	
Interfund Receivable	40,330	10,542	
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 2,808,690</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,497</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 860	\$ 2,119	\$
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	1,511		
Intergovernmental Payable	1,833,904		
Interfund Payable	11,562	13,829	
Escrow and Performance Deposits			
Other Deferred Revenues		207,158	
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Landfill Closure Costs			
Total Liabilities	<u>1,847,837</u>	<u>223,106</u>	
<u>Equity</u>			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved For Endowments			
Reserved For Encumbrances	102,809		
Reserved For Special Purposes			
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Special Purposes		1,341,391	
Undesignated	858,044		
Total Equity	<u>960,853</u>	<u>1,341,391</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,808,690</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,497</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

<u>Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Account Group General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
\$ 9,133	\$	\$ 1,525,668
573,093		2,097,641
		3,004
		803,588
		219,636
		218,111
		36,893
1,350		52,222
	<u>2,335,205</u>	<u>2,335,205</u>
<u>\$ 583,576</u>	<u>\$ 2,335,205</u>	<u>\$ 7,291,968</u>
\$	\$	\$ 2,979
		1,511
52,050		1,885,954
26,831		52,222
2,885		2,885
		207,158
	2,085,205	2,085,205
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<u>81,766</u>	<u>2,335,205</u>	<u>4,487,914</u>
93,222		93,222
		102,809
408,588		408,588
		1,341,391
		858,044
<u>501,810</u>		<u>2,804,054</u>
<u>\$ 583,576</u>	<u>\$ 2,335,205</u>	<u>\$ 7,291,968</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/95		3,032,146.88
	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	7,026,060.73	
Selectmen	960,789.12	8,362,409.66
Interest (General Fund)	42,405.60	
Checks for Collection	1,746.00	315.00
Friends of Town Hall	24.56	
Bartlett Tyler Fund	1,033.43	
Sunapee Center Associates	10.40	
Bandstand Acct.	29.19	
Conservation Commission	348.50	
Dewey Woods Commission	88.59	
Harbor Ridge Property Acct.	76.63	
Special Recreation Acct.	4,512.06	4,182.71
Coffin Memorial Park	5.92	
Special Fund - Pistol Permits	312.65	1,010.85
Hydro Acct.	285,586.55	136,614.02
Sewer Dept. General Fund	482,687.72	507,403.50
Sewer Dept. Construction Bond Acct.	68,851.09	97,139.86
Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	17,294.36	17,106.69
Sewer Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	40,554.42	1,817.03
Sewer Dept. Garnett Hill Rd. Project	75,180.47	53,685.51
Water Dept. General Fund	243,844.98	293,502.72
Water Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	4,292.08	
Water & Sewer Construction Fund	8,791.29	31,602.18
 BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/96		 <u>\$2,789,883.49</u>

FUNDS ON HAND 12/31/96

LSB Money Market	541,133.96
LSB Checking	24,192.96
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	1,020,022.07
LSB Friends of Town Hall	638.01
SRSB Bartlett Tyler Fund	34,916.16
LSB Sunapee Center Association	383.25
SRSB Bandstand Acct.	986.26
LSB Conservation Commission	1,190.18
SRSB Dewey Woods Commission	3,382.04
SRSB Harbor Ridge Property Investment Pool	2,589.04
SRSB Special Recreation Acct.	4,709.44
LSB Coffin Memorial Park	217.70
SRSB Special Fund - Pistol Permits	126.90
SRSB Hydro Acct.	270,818.33
LSB Sewer Dept. Checking Acct.	75,878.11
LSB Sewer Dept. Surplus Acct.	18,200.96
LSB Sewer Dept. Const. Bond Acct.	59,949.78
PDIP Sewer Dept. Const. Bond Acct.	111,678.27
LSB Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	57,371.13
SRSB Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund	51,558.31
PDIP Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund	158,044.01
SRSB Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund CD	111,216.55
SRSB Sewer Dept. Capital Imp. Fund CD	37,737.92
SRSB Sewer Dept. Garnett Hill Rd. Project	21,494.96
LSB Water Dept. Checking Acct.	41,055.80
LSB Water Dept. Surplus Acct.	55,812.38
SRSB Water Dept. Capital Improve. Fund	76,297.43
LSB Water and Sewer Constructions Fund	5,281.58

\$2,789,883.49

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawal	Ending Balance
1902 et al	Cemetery Individual	Perpetual Care	Common Tr. Fund #1	16,821.29	0.00	0.00	16,821.29
Scholarship Award Funds							
1948	Bailey, M.	Citizenship	Common Tr. Fund #2	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
1958	Emerson, J.	Scholarship	"	7,397.11	0.00	0.00	7,397.11
1969	Segalini	"	"	2,412.66	0.00	0.00	2,412.66
1970	Leone, Anne	"	"	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1971	Sawyer, Herb	"	"	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1984	Schrader, K.	"	"	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1987	General	"	"	500.00	50.00	0.00	550.00
1988	Flint	"	"	729.50	0.00	0.00	729.50
1988	Johnson	"	"	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
1988	Tuohy, Tom	"	"	6,570.96	425.00	0.00	6,995.96
1990	Rude, Dr. W.	"	"	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00
1990	Clement, C.	"	"	1,610.00	0.00	0.00	1,610.00
1995	Burill, Amanda Marie	Mem. Scholarship	"	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
1995	Carley, Hank	Scholarship	"	704.86	70.00	0.00	774.86
1995	Journalism	"	"	509.79	0.00	0.00	509.79
1995	Sherburne, David W.	" in teaching	"	2,065.00	0.00	0.00	2,065.00
1996	Molloy	"	"		4,265.00	954.00	3,311.00
Total Scholarship Funds				36,249.88	4,760.00	954.00	40,105.88
Other School Funds							
1983	Bartlett Speaking	Speaking Related	CD, PDIP & PB	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
1983	Bartlett Park Fund	School Grounds	CD, PDIP & PB	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Total Other School Funds				30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Library Funds							
1970	Library, General	Misc. Library	PDIP	8,866.18	0.00	0.00	8,866.18
1972	Library, Gardner	Misc. Library	PDIP	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Total Library Funds				11,366.18	0.00	0.00	11,366.18

Firemen's Fund			
1948 Knowlton, M.	Fireman Accidents	CD, PDIP & PB	500.00
1969 Robinson, C. B.	Fireman General	"	1,983.52
1987 Warren & Quaw	Georges Mills FH upkeep	"	567.07
Total Firemen's Fund			3,050.59
Parks Fund			
1968 Coffin, Elizabeth D.	Park Maintenance	PDIP	6,250.14
1977 Dewey Woods	"	"	359.87
1996 Memorial Gardens	Beautify Town Property	"	1,615.00
Total Parks Funds			6,610.01
Miscellaneous Trust Funds			
1958 Emerson, J.	Visiting Nurse Fund	PDIP	*** 1
1987 Historical Society	Operation & Mainten.	"	13,500.00
1990 Crowther, E.	Chapel Maintenance	"	3,775.26
Total Miscellaneous Funds			19,124.54
Expendable Trust Funds			
1989 Cementery	Capital Improvements	PDIP	1,800.00
1995 Insurance Deductibles		"	1,825.00
Total Expendable Trust Funds			3,625.00
Capital Reserve Funds			
1984 Fire Department	Heavy Equipment	PDIP	65,223.58
1989 School Bus	Purchase Buses	"	15,095.91
1989 Highway Equipment	Purchase Equipment	"	124,311.70
1991 Landfill	Close Landfill	"	134,673.48
1992 School Cap/R	Improv./Buildings	"	3,128.66
1993 Tax Maps	Update Tax Maps	"	26,168.65
Total Capital Reserve Funds *(See Note)			368,601.98
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			4,95,449.47

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*Note: Capital Reserve Funds Appropriated by teh 1996 Town Meeting were received from the Town in 1997 and are not reported; capital expenditures were billed to the Trustees in 1997I paid to the Town in February 1997.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Beginning Principal Income &	Beginning Income	Received	Expended	Ending Income	Principal & Income
1902 et al	Cemetery Individual	** 35,567.35	** 18,746.06	1,512.53	0.00	20,258.59	37,079.88
Scholarship Award Funds							
1948	Bailey, M.	288.71	38.71	13.99	0.00	52.70	302.70
1958	Emerson, J.	7,455.75	58.64	361.26	350.00	69.90	7,467.01
1969	Segalini	2,739.88	327.22	132.71	300.00	159.93	2,572.59
1970	Leone, Ahne	1,162.03	162.03	56.30	200.00	18.33	1,018.33
1971	Sawyer, Herb	1,062.87	62.87	51.50	100.00	14.37	1,014.37
1984	Schrader, K.	1,036.16	36.16	50.19	75.00	11.35	1,011.35
1987	General	865.37	315.37	41.91	0.00	357.28	907.28
1988	Flint	990.07	260.57	47.97	300.00	8.54	738.04
1988	Johnson	548.36	148.36	26.55	25.00	149.91	549.91
1988	Tuohy, Tom	8,329.41	1,333.45	403.54	500.00	1,236.99	8,232.95
1990	Rude, Dr. W.	5,606.14	506.14	271.61	500.00	277.75	5,377.75
1990	Clement, C.	1,747.10	137.10	84.64	200.00	21.74	1,631.74
1995	Burill, Amanda Marie	5,023.03	23.03	243.37	500.00	(233.60)	4,766.40
1995	Carley, Hank	* 715.41	* (59.45)	33.62	0.00	(25.83)	749.03
1995	Journalism	530.91	21.12	25.73	0.00	46.85	556.64
1995	Sherburne, David W.	* 2,065.00	* 0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	2,065.00
1996	Molloy	3,311.00	0.00	203.26	46.00	157.51	3,468.51
Total Scholarship Funds		** 43,528.70	** 3,245.11	2096.65	3,196.00	3,114.68	42,429.35
Other School Funds							
1983	Bartlett Speaking	15,096.81	96.81	804.08	800.00	100.89	15,100.89
1983	Bartlett Park Fund	19,242.62	1,397.86	816.47	2,425.00	(210.67)	17,634.09
Total Other School Funds		31,494.67	1,494.67	1,620.55	3,225.00	109.78	29,890.22
Library Funds							
1970	Library, General	10,330.51	1,464.33	305.43	486.65	1,283.11	9,866.19
1972	Library, Gardner	2,803.36	303.36	94.09	1,236.64	(839.19)	1,660.81
Total Library Funds		13,133.87	1,767.69	399.52	1,723.29	443.92	11,810.10

Firemen's Fund									
1948	Knowlton, M.	11,139.48	10,639.48	603.15	0.00	11,242.63	0.00	11,242.63	11,742.63
1969	Robinson, C.B.	4,138.06	2,154.54	238.62	0.00	2,393.16	0.00	2,393.16	4,376.68
1987	Warren & Quaw	939.03	371.96	27.57	0.00	399.53	0.00	399.53	966.60
Total Firemen's Fund		16,216.57	13,165.98	869.34	0.00	14,035.32	0.00	14,035.32	17,085.91
Parks Funds									
1968	Coffin, Elizabeth D.	13,889.66	7,639.82	702.43	0.00	8,342.25	0.00	8,342.25	15,808.88
1977	Dewey Woods	1,216.79	856.92	67.44	0.00	924.36	0.00	924.36	1,284.23
1996	Memorial Gardens	1,615.00	0.00	26.12	0.00	26.12	0.00	26.12	1,641.12
Total Parks Funds		15,106.49	8,496.44	795.99	0.00	9,292.73	0.00	9,292.73	15,902.48
Miscellaneous Trust Funds									
1958	Emerson, J.	** 154.29	** 153.29	7.37	0.00	160.66	0.00	160.66	161.66
1987	Historical Society	*** 19,123.33	5,623.33	*** 241.53	0.00	5,864.86	0.00	5,864.86	*** 19,364.86
1990	Crowther, E.	6,933.87	1,158.61	309.83	0.00	1,468.44	0.00	1,468.44	7,243.70
Total Miscellaneous Funds		28,167.83	7,043.29	558.73	0.00	7,602.02	0.00	7,602.02	*** 26,770.22
Expendable Trust Funds									
1989	Cemetery	11,178.46	9,378.46	669.83	0.00	10,048.29	0.00	10,048.29	11,748.29
1995	Insurance Deductibles	5,099.04	3,274.04	259.94	0.00	3,533.98	0.00	3,533.98	5,358.98
Total Expendable Trust Funds		16,265.50	12,652.50	929.77	0.00	13,582.27	0.00	13,582.27	17,107.27
Capital Reserve Funds									
1984	Fire Department	** 67,866.36	2,642.78	3,459.79	0.00	6,102.57	0.00	6,102.57	71,326.15
1989	School Bus	15,949.95	854.04	125.22	936.71	42.55		42.55	969.17
1989	Highway Equipment	131,211.66	6,899.96	6,688.84	0.00	13,588.80	0.00	13,588.80	137,900.50
1991	Landfill	140,983.49	6,310.01	7,186.89	0.00	13,496.90	0.00	13,496.90	148,170.38
1992	School Cap/R	3,305.63	176.97	168.66	0.00	345.63	0.00	345.63	3,474.29
1993	Tax Maps	27,649.20	1,480.55	1,409.49	0.00	2,890.04	0.00	2,890.04	29,058.69
Total Capital Reserve Funds (See Note)		386,966.29	18,364.31	19,038.89	936.71	36,466.49	936.71	36,466.49	405,068.47
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		586,080.66	84,837.15	27,821.97	9,081.00	104,905.58	9,081.00	104,905.58	604,821.63

Note: Capital Reserve Funds Appropriated by the 1996 Town Meeting were received from the Town in 1997 and are not reported; capital expenditures were billed to the Trustees in 1997; paid to the Town February 1997.

* TTRF means Total of All Trust Funds including Capital Reserve Funds ** Corrected Prior year ends *** Plus accrued interest on CD

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

You have probably noticed a change in the way we've reported Marriages, Births, and Deaths this year. State laws regarding Vital Records dictate a new format in reporting them in the Town Report. We are using this format to conform to the guidelines of confidentiality.

Thanks to Lynne Wiggins, the Town's Accounts Payable Clerk, and her diligent research for the best buy, we were able to purchase one very reasonably price computer. We are asking for another computer in the 1997 budget. BMSI, the company who writes our tax software, has written a major update, with Windows application. The remaining old computer will not accommodate this program.

The Appraisal Division of the State of NH will begin the long, arduous process of revaluating the Town this year. The Selectmen's Office will be using the State's new software program for assessment information. We anticipate a challenging year.

As a Municipal Agent for the State of NH for over ten years, we are eligible for all the services the State allows Municipal Agents to earn. Our office can offer Passenger Plates, Motorcycle Plates, Tractor Plates, Farm Plates, Agriculture Plates, Trailer Plates, and VIN numbers, as well as renewals, transfers, and new registrations. This service is voluntary, and has to be approved in stages by the NH Department of Safety.

We also offer the option of doing your registration through the mail. We realize it is sometimes difficult to get to our office during regular hours. Due to the liability and risks associated with no security at the Town Office, and the Police's concerns about people being in the building alone, we will do just about any Town business through the mail to accommodate you. Just call 763-2449, and we will set up the procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Bressette
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Town Clerk Monies:

Remittances made to Treasurer during 1996:

Auto Registrations:		349,764.00
Boat Registrations:		7,084.46
Dog Licenses:		
Town of Sunapee	822.00	
State of NH	127.00	
Dept. of Agric.	428.00	1,377.00
Vital Statistics:		
Marriage Licenses	798.00	
Certified Copies	345.00	1,143.00
Clerk Fees:		
Auto Registrations	17,721.00	
Dog Licenses	253.00	
UCC Filings	1,207.19	
Wetland Applications	152.22	
Vital Statistics	287.00	
Marriage Licenses	147.00	
Pole Licenses	15.00	19,782.41
Registration Refunds		508.20

Total Remittance: \$ 379,659.07

LEVY OF 1996

Taxes Committed to Collector, During 1996:

Property Taxes	6,340,923.00
Added Taxes	2,323.00
Yield Taxes	2,815.74
Change in Use Taxes	7,400.00

Interest Collected on:

Property Taxes	4,144.04
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Overpayments Collected on:

Property Taxes	13,889.53
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,371,495.31
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Remittances Made to Treasurer, during 1996:

Property Taxes	5,671,109.99
Added Taxes	100.00
Yield Taxes	762.79

Change in Use Taxes	2,500.00	
Interest on Property Taxes	4,144.04	
Overpayments on Property Taxes	13,889.53	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	6,992.00	
Yield Taxes	115.59	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96		
Property Taxes	662,821.01	
Yield Taxes	1,937.36	
Added Taxes	2,223.00	
Change in Use Taxes	4,900.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$6,371,495.31

LEVY OF 1995

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96:		
Property Taxes	621,925.46	
Yield Taxes	281.34	
Change in Use Taxes	2,220.00	
Added Taxes, during 1996:		
Water/Sewer/Bond	31,809.11	
Interest Collected on:		
Property Taxes	52,905.13	
Yield Taxes	12.22	
Overpayments Collected on:		
Property Taxes	4,417.54	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$713,570.80

Remittances Made to Treasurer, during 1996:		
Property Taxes	617,345.56	
Yield Taxes	281.34	
Change in Use Taxes	2,220.00	
Water/Sewer/Bond	31,779.38	
Interest on:		
Property Taxes	52,905.13	
Yield Taxes	12.22	
Overpayments on Property Taxes	4,417.54	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	4,579.90	
Water/Sewer/Bond	29.73	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$713,570.80

LEVY OF 1994

Uncollected as of 01/01/96:		
Yield Taxes	773.82	
Interest Collected on:		
Yield Taxes	185.99	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$959.81
Remittances Made to Treasurer, during 1996:		
Yield Taxes	773.82	
Interest on Yield Taxes	185.99	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$959.81

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

1995 TAX LEVY

Taxes Sold to Town, During 1996	266,439.58	
Interest & Costs	1,003.58	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$267,443.16
Remittances Made to Treasurer, During 1996		
Redemptions	22,299.14	
Interest & Costs	1,003.58	
Abatements	960.57	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	243,179.87	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$267,443.16

1994 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	205,771.83	
Interest & Costs	11,178.90	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$216,950.73
Remittances Made to Treasurer, During 1996		
Redemptions	62,162.81	
Interest & Costs	11,178.90	
Abatements	1,437.13	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	142,171.89	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$216,950.73

1993 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	133,655.21	
Interest & Costs	42,207.61	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$175,862.82
Remittances Made to Treasurer, During 1996		
Redemptions	123,862.46	
Interest & Costs	42,207.61	

Abatements	1,884.56	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	7,908.19	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$175,862.82

1992 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	7,449.15	
Interest & Costs	2,502.35	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$9,951.50
Remittances Made to Treasurer, During 1996		
Redemptions	4,717.33	
Interest & Costs	2,502.35	
Abatements	1,396.70	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	1,335.12	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$9,951.50

1991 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	2,503.09	
Interest & Costs	113.36	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$2,616.45
Remittances Made to Treasurer, During 1996		
Redemptions	1,581.64	
Interest & Costs	113.36	
Abatements	324.89	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	596.56	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$2,616.45

1990 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	881.42	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$881.42
Abatements	76.19	
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	805.23	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$881.42

1989 TAX LEVY

Uncollected, as of 01/01/96	677.60	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$677.60
Uncollected, as of 12/31/96	677.60	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$677.60

1966 ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Sullivan County Economic Development Council (SCEDC)

The following is a report on the activities of the SCEDC for the year 1996.
Successes Highlighted are:

- A. Obtained another Community Development Grant from the office of the State Planning for the County. This Grant will allow SCEDC to expand its staff to four people that will assist the business' within the County.
- B. Continue to provide managerial and financial assistance to the Claremont Foundry. They currently employ 52 people with plans to expand even further.
- C. Assisted East Coast Steel, Inc. with its merger to the Claremont Facility. They are now completely relocated to Claremont and are employing 150 people with additional plans to expand
- D. Managed to expand our Revolving Loan Funds to approximately \$1 million. This money is utilized in stabilizing and assisting County business' to strengthen their financial position.
- E. Issued a Start-Up loan to Maple Leaf Technologies and helped them locate to Charlestown.
- F. Assisted Clyde River Enterprises receive financial assistance to relocate from Windsor, VT to Charlestown, NH.

Our labor task force, after two years of meetings, has finally shaped the scope of information that we feel we need to bring the Sullivan County workforce into the 21st Century. SCEDC has joined forces with the New Hampshire Community Technical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the US Census Bureau to jointly survey and monitor the areas labor picture. This will involve surveys, phone calls, creation of data bases, and development of on-going programs to enhance our ability to compete now and into the future.

SCEDC continues to market the region and its workforce around the world in hopes of acquiring healthy, good paying jobs for the citizens of Sullivan County. Should there be any additional questions from reading this report, please feel free to contact SCEDC at (603)543-1298.

Respectfully submitted by:
Stephen A. Marro, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sunapee Police Department 1996

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During 1996 the Sunapee Police Department handled a total of 5,465 calls for service. These calls ranged from minor parking and motor vehicle violations to accidents, domestic violence, and major crimes. A breakdown of police activities is available to anyone upon request at Sunapee Police Department.

The Summer of 1996 proved to be an active time in the Sunapee Harbor area. Residents and visitors enjoyed the many activities, restaurants, and entertainment supplied by the businesses in the area. Police presence was maintained for both daytime and evening hours and I believe police related calls were held to a minimum due to this coverage.

The Sunapee Police Department continues to aggressively pursue grants through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency. The following grants were received in 1996:

1. Youth Alcohol Patrol Grant - A 60 hour patrol grant covering a three month period that focuses on apprehending the youth violators with emphasis on alcohol violations such as illegal possession, transportation, and DWI.

2. Senior Class Substance Free Party - This grant covered a large percent of the cost of having the 1996 Sunapee High School graduating class substance free party for a second year. This event took place at Hampshire Hills Resort in Milford, NH. The police department continues to support this celebration with the goal that the chances of a substance abuse related incident will be avoided.
3. Child Passenger Safety Grant - The police department applied for and received a number of car seats and booster seats for distribution at no cost to our residents in need of these seats. Anyone wishing to obtain one of these seats should apply in person at the police department.
4. Bicycle Helmets - Each year the Sunapee Police Department conducts a bicycle safety program at the Elementary School. We again this year applied for and received twenty-five bicycle helmets to be awarded to children during this safety seminar in the spring. The staff at the Elementary School continue to assist us with this annual project and I again wish to thank the entire Elementary School staff for their support of our program.

Due to a vacancy in the secretary position, Dawn Famiglietti was hired on April 1, 1996, as the department's new secretary. Dawn was a part-time secretary for the Newbury Police Department, a dispatcher for New London Dispatch, and a part-time patrolman in Sunapee. She resides in Sunapee, NH with her husband and two young children. We all wish Dawn good luck in her new position with the Sunapee Police Department.

Training is a constant requirement for police personnel. Areas such as emergency medical, firearms, domestic violence, prosecution, accident investigation, DARE officer training, and many other topics were covered during annual department training in 1996. Proper training reduces the danger of civil litigation and improves officer confidence and ability to better serve the residents of the Town.

For the past two years the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program was not offered to the Elementary School due to the state police being unable to provide an instructor. Due to this vacancy I sent patrolman Jeffrey Reed to the State of NH DARE training school where he graduated and was chosen as class spokesperson for the graduation ceremonies at the New Hampshire Military Academy, Center Strafford, NH. Officer Reed will teach the seventeen week DARE program to the fifth and sixth graders at Sunapee Central Elementary School. We are fortunate to have such a

dedicated officer such as Jeff Reed to present this very worthwhile program to our students. The Town and its citizens can only benefit from this program.

After a two and a half year wait, the Police Department received a new intoxilizer valued at \$7,000.00. This machine was awarded to our department at no cost to the Town, by the State of New Hampshire Public Health Department with the assistance of federal funding. We are now able to process our own D.W.I. arrests here in Sunapee without leaving the Town rather than having these tests run at Newport or New London Police departments. We also offer the use of this machine to other police agencies at our location.

Sunapee police personnel continue to provide classroom lectures and presentations to the high school driver education classes in areas of motor vehicle laws, illegal drug use with an emphasis on D.W.I. laws, and the family and community impact of an alcohol or drug related incident.

During 1996, the Sunapee Police Department sponsored Shelly Morse to Girls State. We have supported this youth educational experience for the past several years, sponsoring one student each year. Our best wishes go out to Shelly for her senior year at Sunapee High School and all her future goals.

Secretary Dawn Famiglietti and I conducted a seatbelt survey for the New Hampshire Child Protection Agency. The results were forwarded to the agency for statistical documentation in an effort to help educate the public on proper ways to restrain occupants of motor vehicles including child passenger restraint. I wish to thank secretary Dawn Famiglietti for her help and assistance with this project.

The Police Department was able to purchase a new "mug shot" camera with funds generated from the pistol permit fees issued by the Police Department. We now offer a photo/laminated ID with all pistol permits issued. This new camera is also used in the processing of arrested persons in criminal matters.

A two day "Police Radar Operator" training seminar was sponsored by Sunapee Police and conducted through the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy. Twenty police officers from throughout the state of New Hampshire attended this training that was held at the Sunapee Middle-High School.

I am fortunate to have a dedicated staff of police personnel at Sunapee Police Department. As I enter my twenty-fourth year in police service, I can state that my past five years here in Sunapee have been a most rewarding and pleasant experience. We will continue to offer the most professional police service to the community that we can.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Soucy
Chief of Police

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of NH are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention, and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of NH operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols, and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger
Daniel Ruggles, Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This past year was a relatively normal year for the Sunapee Fire Department. During the year of 1996, the Department responded to one hundred fourteen (114) fire calls and two hundred thirty-four (234) medical calls. The FAST Squad responds to all fire and auto accidents as well as medical emergencies.

As always, training is a very high priority. During the past year we were able to take advantage of outside instruction through the State of NH Fire Academy and the State of NH Municipal Association. In addition to this, we also had extensive in house training using our own instructors. Our goal is to improve our fire fighting skills, but safety is the focus.

Our Fire Prevention Program is a successful educational experience for the students in the Elementary School. A sincere thank you to the Administration, Teachers, and students for giving us time during Fire Prevention Week to visit and present our programs to each grade level. This day is a great success and the firefighters get as much out of it as the students do. A thank you to Howard Sargent for organizing this program.

The 911 Emergency Communication System is working very well. It is vitally important for everyone to know and post his house number. This is the only way all emergency services can reach the location in a timely fashion. Please, know and post your house number!

The Sunapee Fire Department thanks you for your support and will continue to strive for the best service we can provide to the Town.

For the Board of Engineers, Respectfully submitted,

Skip Nolin, Chief

Dan Ruggles, Deputy Chief

Duane Abbott, Deputy Chief

Dana Ramspott, Deputy Chief

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT

Following severe rains in October and early November, the first snow of the Winter of 1995-1996 arrived on November 9th. Forty-eight measurable storms later, on April 17, Old Man Winter finally left Town, after leaving a trail of 148-174 inches of snowfall and a dramatic thaw between January 17 and 19.

Near the end of February, we started to repair the Town Dock at Sunapee Harbor. The eight snow storms in March hampered our progress, but by the end of the month we had replaced the upper (above water level) portions of the cribs and constructed a new superstructure on approximately a third of the facility. This completed the objective of the special article approved at the 1995 Town Meeting.

During April, we started making drainage repairs. We also tried to start sweeping roads, but the many rain and snow storms prohibited us from making any substantial progress until May. During May, we finished sweeping, cleaned all catch basins, and repainted cross-walks and most parking stalls. Grading of roads, which started in April, was also completed during May.

In June, we continued drainage repairs and improvements. We started site restoration at the unsuccessful well #2 site in Georges Mills and began our shimming program. We constructed a new above ground fuel storage area at the Highway Garage and started preparing Old Georges Mills Road for a new surface. Just after the 4th of July holiday we had Old Georges Mills Road paved. We started our annual road side mowing and continued with our shimming program. Near the end of July we started the continuation of the drainage improvements that began in 1994, on North Road on Richardson Hill. This phase required the blasting of ledge for approximately 800 feet. The actual pipe laying was started in early August. This project was made easier by area residents adjusting their traveling schedules and we thank you. Near the end of August we installed a similar underground drainage system along the gravel section of Prospect Hill Road.

The shimming projects that were abandoned during August were resumed during September. We also finished roadside mowing this month. The stockpiling of winter sand started near the end of the month and was completed in early October. Most of our drainage projects were completed in October. We were really put to the test on October 20 and 21, when we

received 6 to 8 inches of rain storm. Even though this was a once in 75 to 100 year storm event, the Town received only minor damage.

At the beginning of November, we started our annual grader ditching (which is primarily the removal of leaves from drainage ways). Although we had many rain, snow, and ice events, we continued this program through the month and most of December.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding highway department procedures or programs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron
Road Agent

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

1996 marked a small milestone at the Transfer Station. This was the first year of this decade that there was a reduction in total trash (combustibles, non-combustibles, and recyclable) received at our facility. We received 3.8% more combustible materials but 30.4% less of the non-combustibles. Sadly, we recovered 11.7% fewer recyclable this year, however most of this decrease was in ferrous metal. Our recycling percentage dropped from 23.77 to 23.08. Overall, we processed 9.1% fewer tons of trash.

The institution of the user fee for the open-top container has produced satisfactory results. The reduction in the non-combustible volume can be directly attributed to this user fee. Also, the income generated from this fee almost offsets these disposal costs and results in lower tax-supported operating costs.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do no hesitate to contact a member of the staff or me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Anthony Bergeron
Road Agent

SUNAPEE FACILITY DECALS

A decal is necessary to gain access to Dewey Beach, Georges Mills Beach and the Transfer Recycling Station. The decals expire each October 1st, and are available at the Town Hall Selectmen's Office. All Sunapee Taxpayers are entitled to one decal for each vehicle, when the registration is presented. All Sunapee residents are entitled to a decal when a rent receipt or lease agreement, along with the vehicle registration is presented. The decals should be placed on the driver's side front bumper. The registration number on the decal must match the vehicle's plates. Temporary decals are available for short term renters and out of town contractors. Springfield residents, who also use the transfer station have decals which are issued from the Springfield Town Office.

Beginning October 1, 1995, the Board of Selectmen instituted a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Town Office.

INVENTORY FORMS

It is very important that taxpayers complete an Inventory of Taxable Property Form for each parcel they own in Sunapee. The forms are sent out after the first of the year and are due before April 15th. If an inventory is not filed, the land owner is not eligible to receive a tax abatement or file an appeal to the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

SUNAPEE INFORMATION BOOTH

The Sunapee Information Booth opened for the 1996 season memorial Day Weekend.

A great many people asked why we weren't open June weekends, so this year we tried it and I believe it paid off. We were quite busy and I guess it helped the businesses in the Harbor as well. I guess it shows that unless the Booth is open, people go right by.

Our sincere thanks to Bob Skelley for all the work he did. Our building needed a face lift and he took care of that with paint and new shutters.

Our thanks to Monadnock Spring Water Co. for their donation of the Spring Water Cooler. Also made possible by Bob Skelley.

Our lovely window boxes, as usual, were donated by Warners' Nursery.

I'm sorry to report that this year saw a drop in visitors. We feel that due to poor weather in early summer, the olympics, and a poor Crafts Man's Fair week, all helped to drop our visitors, too.

We saw a total of 3,648 cars, 8134 people, and 277 calls. This was 639, 1402, and 63 less than 1995 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Aikens

Terry Hamilton

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission 1996 Annual Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Sunapee residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members follows.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Sunapee included:

- * Provided information about effects of noticing proposed zoning amendments on issuance of building permits.
- * Discussed strategies for having a scenic byway designated around Lake Sunapee.
- * Wrote and submitted a scenic byway grant application for Routes 11 and 103.
- * Provided information about grant funding for Sunapee Harbor Riverway.
- * Organized and administrated successful regional household hazardous waste collection with Springfield, Lempster and Unity, and wrote successful grant application to offset a portion of the cost.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Sunapee in the coming year.

UVLSRPC Services Which Benefit All Member Communities

- *Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- *Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both NH and VT.
- *Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- *Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- *Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- *Organized and administered regional household hazardous waste collection.
- *Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- *Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- *Serve on the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- *Began a new program which provides economic development assistance to towns and businesses in Grafton County.
- *Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- *Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit and Rideshare.
- *Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- *Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecasts the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- *Revise and update the Regional Plan.
- *Comply with applicable Vermont Act 200 requirements at the local, regional and state level, including participation in the Council of Regional Commissions.
- *Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews and review of development of regional impact in NH.
- *Sponsor planning board training sessions in NH and VT.
- *Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- *Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.
- *In conjunction with the City of Lebanon, held a Business Faire where representatives from 14 state business assistance programs were available to give information.

- *Review land use controls and master plans, and suggest amendments.
- *Produce our newsletter to provided information about planning issues and other topics of regional concern.
- *Organize a monthly brown bag lunch for selectmen and town managers where regional and local issues are discussed on an informal basis.
- *Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
- *Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE - HOUSE NUMBERING

The Town of Sunapee has recently become part of the State's 911 Emergency System. This system greatly enhances the ability of rescue crews to respond rapidly to emergency situations

In order for this system to operate effectively, it is imperative for all homeowners in Sunapee to place a **House Number** in a location which is *visible from the street*. This may mean placing your number at the end of the driveway.

The Street Numbering Ordinance requires that the numbers be at least four (4) inches in height and contrast in color to the background.

If you do not have a **House Number** or need further information related to Street Numbering please call the Selectmen's Office at (603)763-2212.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Michael Marquise
 Town Planner & Zoning Administrator

1996 PLANNING/ZONING PERMITS

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Total Applications	97
Additions to Existing Homes	31
Garages, Storage Buildings	29
New Single-Family Homes	24
Signs	6
Pools, Fences	3
Municipal Structures	2
Commercial	1
New Two-Family Homes	1
Denied Applications	0

PLANNING BOARD	Total	Approved Requests	Pending	Withdrawn
Subdivisions	14	13	1	0
Site Plans	5	4	0	1
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Total Cases	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

ZONING BOARD	Total	Approved Requests	Pending
Special Conditions	1	1	0
Special Exceptions	14	13	1
Variances	3	2	1
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Total Cases	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

OTHER PERMITS

Tree Cutting Requests (Within 150' of Great Ponds):	
Number of Requests/Number of Trees	16/30
Driveway Permits:	9
Erosion Control/Land Disturbance:	7

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Sunapee ZBA has just completed its tenth year of service. Set up in 1987, when the Town adopted the first Zoning Ordinance, the Board's mission is to provide relief from land use laws when necessary and appropriate. The process begins when a citizen completes an application for a Certificate of Compliance for a building permit. If the proposed project does not meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator will advise the applicant that he or she must modify the project to comply, or appeal to the ZBA for a Variance or Special Exception.

Governed by carefully crafted State and local guidelines, the ZBA holds public hearings to determine whether to grant or deny requests for Special Exceptions or Variances. Special Exceptions are part of the Zoning Ordinance and set forth specific conditions under which relief from a particular restriction may be granted. Variances are appeals for relief from all of the other restrictions in the Ordinance not covered by Special Exceptions. There are five criteria that must be satisfied before the Board can grant a Variance.

The Board consists of 5 elected members, and up to four appointed alternates who serve when members are absent. Members and alternates spend significant time preparing for hearings, visiting sites, participating in meetings and attending the Spring and Fall Law Lecture series in order to stay abreast of the latest changes and interpretations of the land use laws.

During 1996, there were 97 applications for Certificates of Compliance (building permits), and of these, 19 were brought before ZBA. 16 cases were approved; these included 13 Special Exception, 2 Variances, and 1 Special Condition. Denials included one Appeal from an Administrative Decision, one Special Exception, and one Variance.

The Zoning Board needs more members. Please volunteer your services. Remember, good government starts with citizen involvement. Please call Mr. Marquise or Mr. Wheeler at the Town Office for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Chalmers
ZBA Chairman

**The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust
(ASLPT)**

1996 was an exciting year for the ASLPT! A stretch of Lake Sunapee shoreline will forever stay the same, thanks to a conservation easement donated to the ASLPT by Frank and Dot Gordon. The 43 acre parcel on Davis Hill Road, New London, includes 1,556 feet of frontage along Lake Sunapee and 913 feet of frontage on Otter Pond. The property abuts other protected lands of Lincoln Gordon, totaling more than 2,500 feet of unspoiled shoreline. In 1992, the Gordons donated a conservation easement on their Jobs Creek Road property in Sunapee which includes 1,500 of Lake Sunapee shoreline.

The ASLPT is a regional land conservation organization dedicated to protecting and preserving properties and landscapes important to the Kearsarge/Sunapee area. By working with landowners and local governments, we protect scenic vistas, significant wetlands, extraordinary open spaces, productive farm and forest land, quiet meadows, wildlife habitats and undeveloped shorelines. Occasionally we purchase or receive gifts of land, but most often protection is accomplished through the use of conservation easements. With a conservation easement, the landowner retains ownership but permanent restrictions are placed on the land use.

Townpeople wanting to learn more about land protection and the ASLPT are encouraged to call 526-6555 or write to PO Box 2040, New London, NH 03257. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Town of Sunapee in its land protection efforts.

Many thanks to the Sunapee residents who have given generously to the ASLPT. We are most grateful for your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Stanley, Executive Director
Chip Goyette, Outreach Coordinator

REPORT OF TOWN WELFARE DIRECTOR

I want to begin by acknowledging the help of many people who make my job possible, and easier. Those who assist at the Town Office, notably Catherine Rich and Lynne Wiggins, but also including Town Manager, John Wheeler, and Toni Bressette and Eileen Stiles in the Town Clerk's Office, continue to be of great help. All are very good at being the contact persons with welfare clients, since my position is not full time, and all provide that initial contact efficiently and professionally.

I also thank the Georges Mills Ladies Aid Society, the Lions' Club, the Sunapee Senior Citizens, various classes at the elementary school, private individuals, and several anonymous donors who help out from time to time, particularly with our food pantry. This project has grown considerably in need over the past year, and these groups and individuals have made it possible to carry on this function.

I also want to say publicly that the Trustees of the United Community Methodist Church, the Toy Project, the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, Sunapee Middle High School, Sunapee Central School, St. Joachim's Church, the Newport Food Pantry, and personnel at Seminole Point were so very kind and thoughtful during 1996's holiday periods. Close to forty families were provided with food gift certificates at Thanksgiving, and almost the same number with food gift certificates and toys and clothing for children at Christmas. Sunapee is truly a giving town.

While the major item on the welfare budget, housing, dropped slightly from 1995, this may be a temporary phenomenon. However, much of my work in addition to direct services to clients is aimed at this budget item particularly. I work with families to find reasonable rentals, and to help them be certain they are utilizing available programs at the federal and state levels before coming to the Town. The investment of time and effort in this direction has helped two families obtain increased veteran's benefits, and several others secure a monthly stipend through the Social Security program.

The required job-search component of Sunapee Welfare's program pre-dates current federal and state government efforts in that direction. Our assistance is targeted for those in true need, and is not going to otherwise able-bodied persons who are able to work. Some of my non-direct service efforts support our program of ongoing search for work. We have been directly involved in at least seven clients finding beneficial employment.

As expected, the cost of fuel has not only risen, but more of the burden is being borne by the towns throughout the state. We are no exception. What we have been able to do is insist on advance notification by our clients of fuel needs, so that we are not paying extra for "emergency deliveries." However, the future of this budget item is bleak. Even as I prepare this report in early January, several of our families who did receive federal fuel assistance have already used up their 1996-1997 allotment because of the increased fuel costs.

During his year, I was able to prepare and turn over to the Selectmen a set of localized welfare guidelines, which include income limitations that are realistic for our area, and which, for example, take into consideration our unique types of problems such as little local employment, and virtually no public transportation. These guidelines will give Sunapee Welfare a more consistent approach to measuring the needs of our applicants.

One newer function we are carrying out is obtaining the use of free budget-counseling for some of our families who end up in financial distress due to factors that may include simple over-spending. The Headrest Organization in Lebanon provides this service to our clients through their "Listen" program. I have referred several families to this totally confidential service during the year. This way, we are not spending our limited funds when simple budgeting adjustments could solve a problem.

Once again, I offer my thanks to all of you who have been of help to those in need in the Town of Sunapee.

Sincerely,

Don Wrightington
Welfare Director

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

17	Sub-surface septic test holes and design reviews	64	hours
3	Sub-division soil and percolation tests	35	"
9	Sub-surface leaching system-tests & examinations	43	"
8	Water quality tests	18	"
11	Foster or day care examinations	26	"
10	Failing or suspected leaking septic examinations	58	"
4	Animal bite occurrences	7	"
9	Rental housing examinations and complaints	49	"
5	Pollution inspections	<u>26</u>	"
Total hours:		326	

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Wiggins, Health Officer

REPORT OF NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE

In calendar 1996, Newport Ambulance responded to 890 calls for service. This reflects a little less than 2% increase over the 874 calls handled in the previous year. There were 68 responses to the Town of Sunapee, compared to 51 calls for service in 1995. During the past year there have been significant changes to the EMS system at both the state and national levels. The greatest change was a complete re-write of the EMT-Basic curriculum at the national level. This change provides EMT's with additional lifesaving skills in emergency medical management. We are pleased to report that all Newport's personnel have successfully completed the required transition program. Changes at the state level include a complete overhaul of the legislation and regulations involving EMS in NH. Newport Ambulance Service, its personnel and equipment meet, and in most areas exceed, the minimum requirements as set forth by the new guidelines.

We currently operate with a staff of 15 volunteers and a full time paramedic/director. Our recruitment program is ongoing and we are always interested in meeting potential volunteers. Several members of our department are certified instructors who are always eager to help new students learn the ropes.

The Ambulance department wishes to thank the Town of Sunapee for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian W. Tracey, Director

SUNAPEE RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sunapee Recreation Committee has undergone some transformation and been revitalized by some new members and is looking to respond to the programming needs of the Town (to include youth, adult, and senior citizen programming). Our goal is to provide a complete recreational program that will enhance the value of sportsmanship and good play for youth and adult community members and consider other programming opportunities for senior citizens.

The start of the big hole next to Route 11 Field is the beginning of the outdoor basketball courts scheduled for completion in the Spring of 1997. Currently the Lions Club, with their tremendous support and guidance have been instrumental in providing another venue for town activities in the near future. Any donations to this effort should be directed to the Sunapee Lions Club.

1996-97 WINTER ACTIVITIES

We are currently in process of promoting skating just off Route 11 and we want to thank the fire department for flooding a larger space than in the past. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with our planning. We are also planning a **cross-country ski/snowshoe** outing in the Webb Forest in February and hope to consider some other events that will be open to the public throughout the year. A number of senior citizens have been enjoying the ability to **walk indoors** when the school is not using the surface and we want to thank Bob Gray at the High School for his support. **Adult Volleyball** is a continuous happening every Tuesday and Friday night from 7-9 pm at the High School gym...please feel free to come join in on the fun. **Adult Indoor Soccer** is still in process...check with Chuck Weinstein if you would like to join. **BASKETBALL** is very much alive in Sunapee! **The Sunapee Elementary Grade Basketball Program** reports seventy-nine (79) elementary school children participating in the 1996-1997 Quad Valley Recreational Basketball Program. There were three 3rd/4th grade boys teams coached by Mike LaVoie, Steve Whitehead, and Ken Adams. Deb Casner deserved special commendation for coaching a 3rd/4th grade girls team as well as 5th/6th grade girls team. There were two 5th/6th grade boys teams coached by Bill Woodson and (again) Mike LaVoie. We would like to thank all the coaches and the many other volunteers who assisted as refs, scorekeeper and gym supervisors. **Sunapee Squirt Basketball Program** was run this year by Rob Simpson who with a host of parents and support has done a terrific job. Over forty (40) kindergarten through second grade boys and girls signed up for the program and numbers are not exact at the time of this submission.

The highlight of the six Saturday morning program is the slam dunk contest with mini goals. Every participant receives a blue ribbon for effort and style. **Open Gym Program** is again in full swing this winter with over fifty (50) young people in grades 4-12 participating on Saturday nights at the David W. Sherburne gymnasium. The program runs from December until March running from 6-10 pm every Saturday night and each age group has specific times to play so that it is age appropriate. It is designed to give our youth another opportunity for fun and enjoyment and has been very popular. Program participants are allowed to simply shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games and contests. As with all recreation programs, this activity could not succeed without the help of adult volunteer supervisors. Many thanks to Marty Perkins, Candy Saindon, Dave Colby and many others for their generous donation of time.

1996 SUMMER AND FALL ACTIVITIES

Dewey and Georges Mills Beaches ran smoothly this year thanks to the help of all personnel. The numbers of children enrolled in the learn to swim program was down from last year and weather may have had an impact there as well. Our thanks to the Town for their support of our budget. **Tennis** was offered again all summer and fall at Dexter's Inn. The recreation committee paid for residents to play on an as open basis and we appreciate the Durfors support in the process. **Adult Volleyball** ran all summer and fall two nights a week, sometimes outside at the High School and inside when time permitted around the school schedule. **SOCCER** is also alive and well in Sunapee as summer saw the involvement of boys and girls 15 years and up in the Twin State League. The Recreation Committee sponsors a one week soccer camp for first through sixth graders put on by the Dartmouth College program. The program emphasizes the teaching of basic and advanced skills and levels of play. We had thirty (30) to forty (40) participants during a very hot week in July at the High School. Fall provides the **Squirt program** for children in multi-age through sixth grade in age appropriate groups every Saturday morning. This program teaches the basic skills to younger players with the 3rd through 6th graders playing in game like situations. **Two travel teams** for 3rd and 4th graders and 5th and 6th graders offered the opportunity for competitive play and travel to other towns within the Merrimack Valley League. **Adult Indoor Soccer** was run by Chuck Weinstein and we thank him for his organization and support. All of our soccer programs are coached by volunteers and parents. These programs are special because these wonderful people have given so freely of their time and effort. Thank you again for another terrific year.

1996 SPRING EVENTS

Spring Soccer for the 12-14 year olds provided approximately twenty (20) people an opportunity to play competitive soccer in the Claremont League. **SOFTBALL** program this spring provided forty-one (41) girls the opportunity to play ball in the Sunapee Softball program for grades 3 through 6. The combined 3rd and 4th grade team was coached by Deb Casner. The 5th grade team was coached by Linda Leclair and Nancy Smith. The 6th grade team was coached by Terry Teets. **BASEBALL** programs continued to flourish this spring and provide many of our youth with some wonderful opportunities. **T-ball Program** enabled eighteen (18) children, ages 5-7, to begin their experience with some quality instruction from Michael Wirta. **Little League** sported eighty-nine (89) Sunapee area children (ages 7-12) who participated in the Kearsarge Valley Little League Baseball program. There were three farm teams this year: Jeff Trow coached the Raiders, Steve Whitehead coached the Sharks, and Tom Perron coached the Bears (back for 1996). **Minor League** program returned two experienced coaches in Jay Harvey for the Mariners and Dave Barnett of the Athletics. Both teams finished on top of their respective minor league divisions with 9-1 records. At the **Major League** level the young Orioles, coached by Don Parrish and Rob Deardon, gained valuable experience with great spirit finishing 6th in a very competitive league. The Astros, coached by Nick Memole and Bob Saindon, peaked as they finished first in the league with a record of 12 wins and 3 losses. They completed the season by finishing first in the league playoffs. Nine (9) Sunapee players represented the Kearsarge Valley North Team in the second annual Kearsarge Valley Youth Baseball Tournament. The tournament is hosted by the entire KVLL and held at the New London Outing Club. In four close games the KVLL North team finished with one win and three losses. **Sunapee Babe Ruth** is comprised of three levels of play. The 13-Year Old Babe Ruth team, coached by Marshall Barrett, was made up of twelve (12) young people and the team finished first in the Lake Sunapee Area Babe Ruth League regular season. They finished second in the league play-offs this year. Seven of these players represented Sunapee in the District All-Star Tournament this year. They were Justin Jacobs, Chris Gonzales, Nick Grant, Nick Pollari, Buddy Rowe, Jon Barrett, and Bobby Saindon. Marshall Barrett was the manager of the team. Sunapee's 14-15 Year Old Babe Ruth team was managed by Scott McKenney. The team finished second in both the regular season and playoffs this year. Jason Ricci, Jim Stanley, Richard Brown and Justin Bush represented Sunapee in the Babe Ruth District Tournament. Sunapee was represented by John Hamel, Mark vanDenBerg, Nick McKenney, Topher Young, and Brandon Stocker in the 14-Year Old Jimmy Fund Tournament, along with manager Scott

McKenney. Note that due to the dwindling number of teams in the Lake Sunapee Area Babe Ruth League, the League has disbanded. Sunapee and Newport will join the Connecticut Valley Babe Ruth League beginning summer of 1997. This league is much larger with teams from Enfield, Hanover, Lyme, Woodstock, Windsor, Springfield and others. It will enable our teams to play a wider variety of teams with a greater range of abilities. The CVL schedule also starts later, allowing J.V. players to participate in the entire season after their high school schedule. Thanks again to all the many volunteer coaches, umpires, drivers, etc along with the players and their supportive parents for continuing Sunapee's outstanding youth baseball tradition.

COMMITTEE THANKS to so many people who support the program and if we inadvertently missed someone we do apologize. The programs to date have been designed to support the needs of the total community and if you do not feel as though your voice has been heard and you would like to see some different programming, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb McGrath
Nick Memole
Marsha Whitehead
Jay Harvey
Candy Saindon
Judy Thackaberry
Anne Webb

ABBOTT LIBRARY REPORT **Year ending December 31, 1996**

1996 Library Statistics:

Circulation	36,368	Reference Questions	1,410
Daily Patrons	19,219	Inter Library Loan	672
Copies	14,280	New Registrations	275

Additions to Collection:

Adult Fiction	546	Videos	72
Adult Non-Fiction	375	Audio Books	91
Children's Fiction	158	CD's	40
Children's Non-Fiction	120	CD-ROMs	8

TOTAL ADDED: 1,408

CD-ROMs Available:	Random House	88 Million Household
	Dictionary	Telephones
	Title Source	Streets USA
	Writer's Market	American Yellow Pages
	Reader's Guide	Microsoft Works

New Equipment:

The Library received a wonderful donation of a Hewlett Packard Jet printer, copier fax machine from former trustee Dennis Deegan. This enabled us to take a first step into the 21st Century. We had a second telephone line installed allowing us to send and receive fax messages on a dedicated line. Our second step into the next century was to purchase a Gen Apex Pentium Stand-Alone Computer system allowing us to use reference material on CD-ROM. We have replace several space consuming multi-volume sets of reference books. Our third step was to "get on the Internet". This was made possible by the very generous donation of services from Internet provider SUGAR RIVER VALLEY ONLINE.

Building Maintenance:

In November repair and replacement work on the front steps, by Trumbull Nelson Construction Co., began. The concrete work was completed in spite of cold rainy weather and the front and rear doors wee replaced with full

glass doors with exit devices that provide safe exiting from the building. The work was completed on the 1st of December.

Friends of the Abbott Library:

The Friends have had another very successful year of fund-raising with their ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE in May; MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LETTER in June; and PANCAKE BREAKFAST in July.

Because of the success of these events and the very generous contributions from Library supporters the Friends have been able to provide the following programs and new equipment and material to you, our patrons, and to the staff at the Library:

NH Gravestones - David Watters (NH Council of the Humanities)

The Anasazi of Chaco Canyon - Steven Cernek (NH Council of the Humanities)

Abbott Library Summer Reading Program - Reading: The best game around

BJ Hickman Magic Show

Art and Religion at Zuni Pueblo - Alex Seowtewa (NH Council of the Humanities)

Meet the Author - Archer Mayor (Vermont Author)

and provided funding for:

CD-ROM Reader's Guide	4 Metal Book Stacks (children's room)	
Newspaper Rack	Office Chair	36 Magazine Displayers
Membership for LUV coop Audio Book Collection		

The Friends now have US Bonds and CD's with a maturity value of approximately \$30,000. This will be used towards the future library building needs.

A very special thanks to George and Jean Ogden for their many hours (10 years) of dedicated volunteer service to the Library and a thank you to ALL Friends and Trustees and community members for your support of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hand

ABBOTT LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1996

Balance Forward \$0.00

Income:

Town Appropriation	90,624.22	
Trustee of Trust Funds (1995)	1,302.57	
Trustee of Trust Funds (1996)	570.95	
NH Charitable Fund	145.62	
Friends of Abbott Library donation	2,000.00	
Copier Receipts	716.75	
Bank Interest	50.55	
Lions Club donation	200.00	
Trustees' Book Sale	679.48	
Returned Checks	107.78	
Book Purchases	40.00	
		96,437.92

Expenses:

Salaries/Wages	45,656.48	
FICA/Medi	3,490.37	
Worker's Comp	748.46	
Benefits	5,914.31	
Books and Materials	23,918.79	
Fuel	689.50	
Electricity	2,410.76	
Telephone	1,494.13	
Insurance	1,211.62	
Water and Sewer	385.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	5,679.44	
Office Supplies	4,833.45	
		96,432.31

Balance 5.61

REPORT OF THE TV COMMITTEE

The TV Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen for the initial purpose of reviewing the Town of Sunapee's contract with TCI-Twin Valley Cable to ensure that the terms of the contract are complied with. We expanded upon this initial charter, seeking to optimize television service to

the Town by working with the cable company to expand service areas and program offerings, and to explore alternatives to cable.

The contract the TCI-Twin Valley Cable was signed on October 7, 1991, and runs for fifteen years. The contract is specific in terms of which geographical areas of the Town are served, based upon the density of homes. To our knowledge, the terms of the contract have been met, and, therefore, the sparsely populated areas of Sunapee are not likely to receive cable TV in the foreseeable future. Antennas to receive broadcast channels and dish-type antennas for satellite channels appear to be the only viable options for TV reception in these areas.

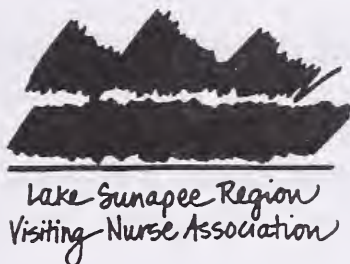
Channel offerings on the cable system have been a continuing issue. The contract does not give the Town any rights of participation in channel selection. However, we have had several meetings with the management of TCI-Twin Valley Cable to communicate what we perceive to be unserved community needs: No access to FOX, one of the major networks, offered by adjacent cable systems. Specific constituencies: Retired, business people, and investors (lack of access to a business channel); children (unavailability of A&E, History Channel); women (unavailability of Lifetime); sports fans (no free coverage of Boston Red Sox and FOX network sports). The management has been receptive to our input, and a recent change (on January 1, 1997) in the programming line-up has addressed some, but not all, of these issues.

On the subject of rates, communications law provides that basic cable rates are subject to regulation by municipalities in NH, where there is no effective competition (which is our case). Basic (or minimum level of) service was increased by 64 cents a month on January 1, 1997. Other than protesting by letter and meeting with the general manager of TCI-Twin Valley Cable, Mr. Maynard Boutin, we have chosen not to pursue a formal protest. Mr. Boutin did explain the rationale for the recent programming changes, and what is being done to expand programming. We found his explanations quite informative and reasonable, and have mutually agreed to maintain good communication with his company and the Town. As always, we welcome input from the townspeople. We are most receptive to your concerns and suggestions and will try to respond to your satisfaction.

Douglas Munro, Chairman
Richard C. Leone
William Chalmers

Lake Sunapee Home
Care and Hospice

Lake Sunapee Community
Health Services



Services provided to people in Sunapee

Home health care helps patients return to their optimal level of health

Visits made 9,089

Patients served 119

Hospice - a family-centered program for patients who are terminally ill.

Patients served 14

Flu & other immunizations

Patients served 246

Well child clinic and parent child program

Children served 66

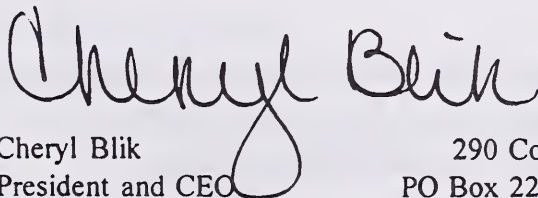
Day care - after school and summer child care

Children served 52

In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future — we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our inovative, high quality programs will support the VNAs mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Thirty-four VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, Leicester H. Sherrill, Jr.; two HCH Trustees, Kathryn Perry and Billie J. Barry; one CHS Trustee, Jim Elliott and many volunteers live in Sunapee. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Blik
President and CEO



Joint Commission
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Depot Square, Newport 893-4088
290 County Road, New London 526-4077
PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

July 1996 marked the fourth anniversary of Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA). Throughout 1996 COA continued its growth. Membership increased by 13%, clients served by 30%, and units of service by 35% over 1995.

Pursuing its aim "to help make our later years a productive, positive time of life instead of a time of loneliness and uncertainty", COA continued in 1996 to serve members with: Rides for non-drivers, Mr. Fixit repairs, Telephone Reassurance, Friendly Visitor, call-in services, Intergenerational projects and cooperative efforts with other organizations. Conversations with Lunch, Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, Christmas reception and two programs funded by a grant from NH Humanities Council, "American Family" and "No, But I've Seen the Movie" served as social and educational gatherings with a combined attendance of over 1400 during 1996.

A walking program for seniors was introduced in November at the Sunapee High School gym. Other towns are scheduled to start on January 6, 1997.

On October 26, 1996 a conference for older people, their families and caregivers was held at Kearsarge Middle School. "Taking Back Our Elder Years" was hosted by COA and co-sponsored by fifteen local agencies. Financial support was provided by the Hilary & James Cleveland Fund of NH Charitable Foundation. The conference was led by Joan Doran, COA Vice Chairman and was attended by over 200 seniors. A post-conference evaluation by attendees rated the program's six themes, "excellent" or "very good". Many constructive suggestions were offered for future presentations.

On December 1, 1996 COA moved to its new Program Center at 12 Newport Road in New London. This larger center will allow for provision of services in-house rather than depending on donated space from other institutions. Programs to start in January will include exercise, bridge lessons, painting, quilting, nutrition, movies, card playing, and games. Computer classes are planned to be introduced later in the year. Members will be kept informed by the COA Newsletter.

COA is deeply grateful for financial support from Sunapee and other area towns, from donors to fund drives and events, from advertisers in its newsletter, from foundation grants and from individual clients.

COA extends a very special "thank you" to the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Except for Nancy Friese, administrative assistant, the COA is an entirely volunteer organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Bradley
Chairman of the Board

REPORT OF THE SUNAPEE SENIOR CITIZENS

1996 was a very good year for the Sunapee Seniors under the able guidance of co-chair persons, Dick and Eileen Rearick, and with Marilyn Morse, Secretary, and Helene Nutting as Treasurer. Our January meetings started at 1:30 PM, a change for winter months, that was appreciated by our faithful members, now a total of 105 and 4 honorary members.

New and stimulation programs kept our interest during the year. A wonderful Valentine's Luncheon, day trips to Boston, and the NH Culinary Institute, a bus trip to Williamsburg with 21 happy folks, a picnic at the mountain, and a wonderful Christmas Party at the New London Country Club were the highlights of the year.

The same slate of officers agreed to continue for one more year, but at the June meeting, Eileen Rearick was appointed President, and Marje Banas, Vice President. Dick Rearick stepped down due to illness.

The diligent work at the Thrift Shop by many volunteers has provided much for the needy people of our town. And many monetary donations to various programs, including the Scholarship fund, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, St. Joachim's clothing drive, and the Bartlett fund, are given every year. Also, the Thrift Shop has been a warmer place to work because of the gift of a propane heater by Yvonne and Bernie Young. Thank you!

Our year ended on a very tragic note with the death of our president. We were all saddened by this loss and will miss her expertise at the gavel. Marje Banas became acting President and Dorothy Jones, Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Morse, Secretary

REPORT OF HYDRO ELECTRIC STATION - 1996

1996 was an excellent year for Hydro, as we look at it, if it didn't snow, then it rained. The plant ran at a maximum flow (production) for almost ten full months of the calendar year. Those production figures are verified elsewhere in the report. On the maintenance side, the plant had no extra repair needs, it was just the normal day-to-day requirements. It is important that we emphasize the efficiency of the plant, its income producing ability, and that all the Town's people understand what it is doing, its long term potential, and its environmental friendliness. We are not just a brick building over there next to the Town Office. We wish to thank you all for your support back in '84 to get the plant up and running again.

As always, we welcome everyone to visit this unique Sunapee asset. To become more familiar with it and to see how it works, just call any operator for a tour.

Plant operators:

Dick Atkinson

Charles Boyce

Joe Adams

HYDRO FUND RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1996	121,845.80
Income:	
PSNH	279,331.20
Interest	6,255.35
Expenses - Operating and Debt	136,614.02
Balance as of December 31, 1996	270,818.33

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As many of you are already aware, Victoria Abbey has left the department for greener reed beds. I speak for the Commission and the employees when I say, "Thank you, Vicki, for all your hard work. We will miss you."

My name is David Brennan, the new Superintendent. I come to you from the Town of Ashland where I held the same position. I am very happy to be here and I hope I can maintain Vicki's high standards.

The water department has two intricate water systems that take many hours of studying and adjusting to perfect. The replacement of these systems will produce water that meets the Federal standards set before us by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The department appreciates the users cooperation and patience as these projects progress. Another benefit of this project is the increased fire protection from the addition of the water tank in Georges Mills.

The Georges Mills project will begin construction in the spring and is scheduled to be completed near the end of 1997. Water meters are on the docket for installation next summer. Due to the red tape and bureaucracy, the entire Georges Mills project was held up longer than expected which has set us behind schedule a few weeks. With all these pot holes in the way, the engineering is moving along nicely and the entire project will come together in rapid speed with as little inconvenience to you as possible. The slow sand filter being designed for Sunapee is on schedule and is also progressing nicely.

Sewer odor complaints in the Dewey Beach area were a record high this year. Many types of chemical blocks and deodorizer sprays were tried to no avail. After researching the many types of odor control products and speaking with other communities with this same problem, the activated carbon filter was the most effective odor control all the way around. Thus far, it has been the control of choice and the same set up will be installed at the Fernwood pumpstation next spring.

The wastewater treatment plant has had a history of problems from grease to chlorination violations and in 1996 we certainly had Mother Nature testing our abilities which we successfully conquered. The addition of the New London system to ours helped the process but did not solve all the problems.

With hard work and diligence and cooperation with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, the plant has come into compliance and running smoothly. At times this hard work pays off. In 1995 our plant won the USEPA New England Region award for the "Most Improved Wastewater Treatment Plant Award." In October of 1996, Chief Operator Tim Mulder went to Dallas, Texas where he received on the department's behalf the USEPA's John H. Samson National Award for the "Most Improved Small Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations and Maintenance." It is an honor to be ranked number one out of over 15,000 wastewater systems in the nation.

I extend to you an open invitation to view our plants and ask as many and all the questions you can think of. These are your plants and we encourage you to visit, and we have an open door policy to answer any of your questions and concerns. I am a firm believer that there has to be "unity" in "community" in order to meet the needs of the Town of Sunapee.

Sincerely,

David R. Brennan
Superintendent

WATER AND SEWER GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Water and Sewer Commission, created by the NH Legislature in 1973, is essentially an autonomous body of seven members, with full authority for decision making and management at all levels, including daily operations. Thus, the Commission operates as an enclave within the Town government, and the limited checks and balances on its authority is a cause of great concern in the community. It is also clear that the Commission has rendered a great deal of valuable service to Sunapee as outlined in the a report which was prepared at the request of our Committee. This report is available for view at the Selectmen's Office in the Town Hall.

We find that changes in governance are needed, but also recognize that this is a critical time when Sunapee is establishing new and costly facilities for the water system, and care must be taken to assure continued, experienced technical management.

Our recommendations regarding the governance of the Sunapee Water and Sewer systems are as follows:

- * That the responsibility for these systems be vested in the Office of Selectmen.

We believe that the community will be best served by having responsibility and accountability focused in a single, senior body. Moreover, from a legal standpoint, an independent Water and Sewer Commission appears to be an unsatisfactory arrangement. There have even been cases else where in the state of an independent Water and Sewer Commission and the Board of Selectmen (who, apparently, did not have the goodwill which is shared by our Commission and Selectmen) taking their conflict into court.

- * That the Selectmen establish a Water and Sewer Board whose members are elected, and the size of the Board to be determined by the scale of its duties.

We find some concern in the community (including some members of the Commission itself) about the size of the existing Water and Sewer Commission. Seven members were specified in the laws of 1973, but we believe that five would be more appropriate for the Board.

- * That the Selectmen delegate such duties, assignments and authority to the Water and Sewer Board as they deem desirable and appropriate. Tasks and functions delegated to the Board should be explicit and recorded; in all cases, the Selectmen would retain responsibility.
- * That the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department and his staff report to the Town Manager.

As part of the integration of the Water and Sewer systems in the Town government, this change would put the operational management under the direction of the Town Manager in keeping with his authority as administrative head of the Town's departments.

Under the existing arrangement, the Water and Sewer Superintendent has frequent and useful contact with Commission members who provide technical guidance and institutional knowledge of the Sunapee systems. Provision should be made for the Superintendent to obtain such consultation with Board members.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Briggs, Bo Quackenbos, Edward Epremian

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT #1
RAYMOND S. BURTON - COUNCILOR, DISTRICT ONE

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the NH Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals, and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below):

1. The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at (800)852-3345.
2. The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.
3. The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.
4. There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from local Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.
5. There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6. Local towns, cities, counties, and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord.)
7. Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.
8. The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes, and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.
9. The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at (800)852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective, and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
(603)271-3632

**REPORT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT SULLIVAN COUNTY
COUNTY DISTRICT #2
(Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee)**

Thank you for this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the voters of Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee for the vote of confidence at the November 5th election. I respect this as a privilege and subscribe to the saying that "one should never forget the public who put one there".

As a new legislator, I am anxious to learn the process as soon as possible. As a result, I have chosen not to seek re-election as a Sunapee Selectman which will allow me to spend more time on task. I am also delighted that I have been appointed to the Municipal and County Government Committee. Hopefully, this will provide an opportunity for our area to be heard and attuned to the very important issues our towns and counties face on a day-to-

day basis. Coupled with the varied community needs, the threat of escalating costs, susceptibility to eroding tax bases, the need to maintain our area as a desirable place to live, I welcome the responsibility involved.

In the area of constituent service, I am looking forward to working with the various boards, citizens groups, and individuals within the district. I hope to become more familiar with the various state and county functions in the weeks ahead. If you have a concern with a local, county, or state issue, or wish to secure information about a particular house or senate bill, and the like, I encourage you to write to me at 310 North Road, Sunapee, NH 03782, telephone or fax me at 763-9933 or contact me at Room 301 at the legislative office building, telephone 271-3317 in Concord. Every effort will be made to immediately respond to your concerns.

I look forward to serving District #2 for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Leone

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MERLE SCHOTANUS DISTRICT 3, SULLIVAN COUNTY

1996 was a historic year in state government, in both political and legislative terms. Republican governor Merrill's surprise announcement in April that he would not seek a third term started a round of political musical chairs that ended with the election of a Democrat, and the state's first woman Governor. In the Legislature, Representative Donna Sytek of Salem became the State's first woman Speaker of the House and the Democrats made significant gain in both the House and Senate. In the '96 legislative session, lawmakers opened up the electric utility and healthcare markets, passed kindergarten incentive funding after years of trying, and took a stab, albeit weak, at temporarily solving the State's perennial fiscal problems. An increase in cigarette taxes was proposed but defeated, as was raising revenues through the licensing and regulation of video gambling machines. All of this sets the stage for two exciting legislative sessions in the FY 97-98 biennium.

1997 will likely be a year in which the new Governor emphasizes pragmatic solutions to problems without the political rhetoric we have been used to. The legislative debate is likely to concentrate on budget priorities; electric utility deregulation; education funding; an increased cigarette tax, and legalizing video poker machines at the State's horse and dog race tracks.

There will be little chance of funding existing programs at a respectable level or increasing State aid to municipalities without raising additional revenue. You can expect the legislature to tinker with existing taxes, but reform of NH's antiquated and inequitable tax structure is not in the cards. Additionally, the State was warned by the major bond rating services in December, 1996 that it must put its fiscal house in order if it is to maintain its current high bond rating of AA+. This is critical because the higher the bond rating, the less interest cost to the taxpayer for State borrowing. The warning came as a result of recurring operating deficits over the past three years.

After eight rewarding year on the House Finance Committee, I will now serve as the clerk of the Public Works and Highways Committee, which deals with the State's capital budget, highways, bridges, and public building projects. Although busy, the committee's relatively relaxed pace, compared to the hectic schedule of the finance committee, will allow me more time to pursue other legislation of interest to my constituents. I will be working on several bills in the 1997 session, including, among others, conservation license plates, 1848 abortion laws, snowmobile registration fees, Red Cross emergency volunteers, local approval of river corridor plans, milfoil, and forest landowner estate taxes.

I am pleased to report that the FY '97 \$15.1 million county budget required a zero tax increase, thanks to efficient management by the county administrator and commissioners. I will, for the sixth time, chair the fourteen member Sullivan County legislative delegation. I am pleased to welcome Representative Dick Leone from Sunapee to the delegation. His vast experience in education administration and town government will add greatly to the delegation's expertise. I also welcome back to the District 3 team Peter Burling of Cornish, who is no stranger to the legislature. Peter will put his broad public affairs experience and expertise to work as the leader of the loyal opposition in the House. I wish also to publicly thank two departing members of the District 3 legislative team for their outstanding service to their constituents, county government, and the State of NH: Tom Behrens of Sunapee who returns full time to the business world after 10 years of legislative service, and Sandy Stettenheim of Plainfield, who retired after one term to pursue other endeavors with her husband, Peter. I am confident that the newly elected team of Burling, Leone, and Schotanus will continue to provide strong, visible representation in Concord and at the county for the residents of Districts 1, 2, and 3, Sullivan County.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who continue to have confidence in me to represent your interests in Concord, as indicated by your very supportive vote in November, 1996 to elect me to a seventh term. As always, I stand ready to serve you in Concord and in the County. You can reach me in Grantham (863-2293, or 28 Sugarwood Lane, 03753-7725) or in Concord (271-3565, or Room 201, LOB, Concord, 03301).

Representative Merle W. Schotanus
District 3, Sullivan County - Grantham

1996 CEMETERY REPORT

Burials

Jan 17	MacWilliams, Robert	Old Eastman Ext.	Lot	51#1
Feb 19	Collins, Irene	New Eastman	Lot	51B#2
Apr 12	Twyon, Bruce	New Eastman	Lot	97B#1
May 8	Lloyd Sr, Charles	New Eastman	Lot	80A#1
June 6	Avery, Lena	New Eastman	Lot	31A#3
June 15	Brunelle, Richard	Old Eastman Ext.	Lot	58#1
July 12	Hamel, Clayton	New Eastman	Lot	12A#1
Aug 6	Bishop Jr, Milton	New Eastman	Lot	85B#1
Nov 8	Cross, Abbie	Old Eastman Ext.	Lot	42#4

Cremations

Mar 25, 1992	Cormier, Isabelle	New Eastman	Lot	87A#4
Oct 22, 1995	Bourdon, Caroline	New Eastman	Lot	4A#3
Mar 3	Cormier Sr, Gerard	New Eastman	Lot	87A#4
Mar 14	Munro, Olive Anna	New Eastman	Lot	32A#3
May 24	Jonas, RuthOld	Eastman Ext.		
July 3	Irwin, Alice	New Eastman	Lot	56B#3
July 12	Davis, Murilla T	New Eastman	Lot	38B#3
Aug 26	Laro, Victor	New Eastman	Lot	87B#2
Sept 26	Whipple, Frances F	Georges Mills		
Oct 19	Behrens, Harry	New Eastman	Lot	79B#1

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
January 1 through December 31, 1996

DATE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE	GROOM	RESIDENCE
01/13/96	Jennifer E. Blair	Sunapee	Jeffrey A. Hastings	Sunapee
01/26/96	Saena H. Altaf	Sunapee	Khurram Mahmud	Sunapee
02/24/96	Tracie A. Gosselin	Sunapee	Joseph G. Benson, Sr.	Sunapee
05/05/96	Kathryn R. Quinlan	Sunapee	Robert L. Ward	Sunapee
05/11/96	Stacy L. Dicks	Sunapee	Michael J. O'Mara	Sunapee
05/18/96	Penney L. Cassidy	Sunapee	Eric Allen	Sunapee
06/08/96	Brenda J. Wallace	Newport	Robert M. Haselton, Jr.	Sunapee
06/08/96	Sharon L. Robertson	Wilmington, NC	Donald S. Masters	Wilmington, NC
06/08/96	Kimberly A. Adams	Sunapee	Douglas S. McLean	Sunapee
06/15/96	Ruth Ann M. Stewart	East Hartford, CT	Robert J. Valli	East Hartford, CT
06/23/96	Patti A. Kanik	Sunapee	Josef F. McDaniel	Sunapee
06/23/96	Dede T. Mattila	Sakyla, Finland	Esko J. Knuutila	Sakyla, Finland
07/04/96	Julie L. Osgood	Portland, ME	Jason R. Knight	Portland, ME
07/06/96	Jean I. McNamara	Amelia Island, FL	Curtis R. Platte, Jr.	Amelia Island, FL
07/06/96	Barbara A. Sherman	Sunapee	Ronald O. Moodie	Sunapee
07/13/96	Kelley L. Flint	Sunapee	Mark W. McLean	Sunapee
07/20/96	Joanne C. Wolinski	Sunapee	David A. Trybulski	Sunapee
08/03/96	Bonnie L. Allen	Newport	Jeffrey S. Nester	Sunapee
08/04/96	Becky-Sue Belmira	Sunapee	Alan R. Raymond, Jr.	Sunapee
08/10/96	Margaret E. Dowley	San Francisco, CA	John P. Donohue	San Francisco, CA
08/24/96	Meredith Puglia	Ketchum, ID	Gunnar W. Whitehead	Ketchum, ID

DATE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE	GROOM	RESIDENCE
09/21/96	Ann M. Thorburn	Sunapee	Kevin F. Carr	Sunapee
09/28/96	Kristin H. Stanley	Denver, CO	Robert K. Gildersleeve	Denver, CO
10/05/96	Dorothy J. Wagner	Sunapee	Wilfred J. Riley	Moultonboro
10/08/96	Elizabeth A. Messenger	Sunapee	William D. Stanley	Sunapee
10/12/96	Heidi Callum	Sunapee	Christopher C. Currier	Springfield
12/14/96	Brenda A. Pratt	Sunapee	Michael J. Delaney, Jr.	Sunapee
12/21/96	Julie A. Murgatroy	Sunapee	Stanley K. Sias	Sunapee

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni J. Bressette

Town Clerk - Tax Collector

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 1996

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
12/25/95	Caroline Nicole	Lebanon	Melodie D. Travis	Brian F. Kirby
01/22/96	Alexander Ilias	Lebanon	Kathryn L. Smith	John K. Gioldassis
02/08/96	Malcolm Philip	New London	Jennifer L. Johnson	Randy A. Lewis
03/31/96	Owen John	New London	Dawn M. Petrin	Christopher G. Bedell
04/12/96	Ashley Barbara	New London	Nancy L. Heino	Daniel D. Gokey
04/15/96	Alexander Michael Jude	Lebanon	Alicia K. Binning	Brian M. Simoneau
05/05/96	Katharine McNeil	New London	Sara M. Henderson	Jonathan D. Scheuch
05/11/96	Avery Ann	New London	Ann M. Frederickson	Jeffrey A. Lantz
05/28/96	Kacy Ryan	New London	Elizabeth A. Clement	Ryan H. Muzzey
06/21/96	Sarah	Lebanon	Foqia Saleem	Ijaz Akhtar Ehsan
07/02/96	Katelynn Leigh	New London	Amy S. Beaudoin	David W. Muzzey

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
07/28/96	Ryan Chandler	New London	Krista M. Heikkinen	James T. Dumont
08/10/96	Alexander Donovan	New London	Holly K. Kaake	Alex H. Von Svoboda
08/13/96	Nicholas Chappell	New London	Joanne Chappell	Paul W. Skarin
08/28/96	Evan Kirkland	Concord	Kimberly Kirkland	William E. Grennon, Jr.
10/18/96	Mitchell Aidan Callum	New London	Shelly R. Callum	Philip M. Kelly
11/06/96	Ian David	Lebanon	Kelly L. Braley	Brian A. Vincnet
11/23/96	Ryan Hunter	Concord	Elizabeth L. Atkins	William D. Stanley, III
11/25/96	Renee Elisabeth Ruth	Lebanon	Amy S. Lloyd	Edmund P. Hall
12/31/96	Rachael Marie	Lebanon	Susan L. Harris	James B. Glaze, Jr.
12/31/96	Taylor Khadija	Lebanon	Julie A. Weinstein	Mark A. Usko

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Respectfully submitted,

Toni J. Bressette, Town Clerk - Tax Collector

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE

January 1 through December 31, 1996

DATE	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	FATHER
01/31/96	Marion A. Dashner	Georges Mills	Emma Palmer	Edgar E. Melendy
02/06/96	Paul P. Fortier	Sunapee	Nellie Pinette	Emery Fortier
03/03/96	Gerard A. Comier, Sr.	Sunapee	Alma F. LeMay	Antonio J. Cormier
04/12/96	Bruce D. Twyon	Sunapee	Shirley Swift	Donald Twyon
05/08/96	Charles C. Lloyd, Sr.	New London	Elizabeth Berry	Louis Lloyd
05/09/96	Harvey S. Plourde	Sunapee	Cecile Cyr	Adolphe Plourde
06/03/96	Kenneth E. Pratt	New London	Sarah Rock	Edgar Pratt
06/03/96	Lawrence R. Whitney	Sunapee	Emma Wenneis	Ralph Whitney
06/15/96	Richard C. Brunelle	Lebanon	Eva LeBleu	Hormidas J. Brunelle
07/03/96	Alice P. Irwin	Sunapee	Charlet Hodge	John P. Peteres
07/12/96	Clayton N. Hamel	New London	Cynthia Fryer	Maurice C. Hamel
07/20/96	Charleene F. Burke	Lebanon	Nina T. Thompson	John F. Burke
08/06/96	Milton W. Bishop, Jr.	New London	Alice Andrews	Milton W. Bishop, Sr.
08/27/96	Victor E. Laro	New London	Eva Rose Sylvester	Frank Laro
10/27/96	Donald M. Perry	Sunapee	Theresa Sonnenberg	Francis Perry
11/08/96	Abbie J. Cross	New London	M. Della Richards	Charles Merrifield

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Respectfully submitted,

Toni J. Bressette

Town Clerk - Tax Collector



EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

Michael Durfor, Chairman	Term expires 1997
Richard Kelly	Term expires 1998
Nancy Smith	Term expires 1999

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #43 OFFICERS

Jeffrey Kessler, Chairperson	Newport
Michael Durfor, Vice Chairperson	Sunapee
Richard Kelly, Secretary	Sunapee
Arthur Jillette, Treasurer	Goshen/Lempster

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Michael Feeney
Clerk	Jean Putonen
Treasurer	Sally Putonen
Auditors	Eileen Stiles
	Richard Leone

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Dr. William J. Gauthier
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. John H. Handfield
Special Needs Director	Dr. Kenneth DeVoid
Office Personnel	Deborah Mann
	Beth Laramie
	Marlene Chamberlain
	Joyce Merrow
	Krystyna Samiec
	Lynn Oakes
Truant Officer	Alan J. Soucy
School Nurses	Marilyn McLaughlin
	Marilyn Sherman

Sunapee School District: Report of the Board 1997

This is an attempt to provide a concise summation of the activities of the Sunapee School Board this year.

As many of you know, this board has met at a rate that was unusual both in frequency and in location. For any inconvenience this departure may have caused any of you, we sincerely apologize, but our schedule has been driven very much by both the nature and immediacy of the issues that were presented to us.

Last June we set three goals for the board. Resolve the SAU separation issue, resolve the space needs issue, and set forth a calendar for not only our board but for those that follow to use as a guide.

The SAU separation issue is before you for your decision at the district meeting as a warrant article. There will be significant debate on this issue and as much information as can be gathered will be available for your review before you make this important vote. It is our hope that whichever way this matter is resolved, we will have done our job to present all of the facts to assist you in making this crucial and far reaching decision.

The immediate space needs in our district are serious, and we feel they have been addressed by the bond issue you have before you. The Facility Committee, both this year and last, deserves a great deal of thanks for all of the efforts they have invested. The plan that is presented is frugal in its design and construction costs, and provides for both additional classroom space, and quality classroom space to replace those that are currently substandard. The four portable classrooms we now have are not the answer to our long-term program needs.

Our calendar, or board schedule, has had to take a back seat to several other items that arose, some of which we have brought to closure. Faced with an immediate need for fresh air in the Middle High School presented to us in June, we encumbered funds from last fiscal year's surplus, accepted bids, hired Honeywell Inc., and are able to report back to the district that the safety issues associated with this problem have been resolved satisfactorily. This board has been committed to the safety and well being of our students and staff as our #1 priority and has acted accordingly. Safety issues at Central Elementary were addressed with boiler repairs being made in July, and at Sherburne Gym with a backboard replacement in November.

In addition, we hired a Computer Coordinator in Phase I of the technology plan so that maximum use could be made of the equipment the district had the vision to purchase last year. We were also fortunate to have a new elementary principal come on board with some technical expertise which resulted, thanks to the co-operative application of SAU 43, in GOALS 2000 money being awarded to Sunapee.

In the meantime, the district faces new challenges everyday. Assuming the district is convinced of the cost effectiveness of the building addition and renovations presented, Phase II will begin to analyze the needs remaining at the elementary school.

While all this activity is ongoing, the one subject that must be discussed at every opportunity is the need to adopt a comprehensive integrated curriculum for grades K-12. Without this foundation to every activity in the school, we can have all the outstanding staff, computers, and facilities possible and yet fail to deliver the best education our district can afford due to a lack of cohesiveness in the overall structure of the program. This effort is something we can accomplish working together on a daily basis to improve our students' potential for success.

The board wishes to thank all of the staff and volunteers who give so much of themselves in order to help make this village a better community for our children to live in and learn. Whether directly or indirectly, it takes all of us to do whatever part we are able to continue to keep our eyes on the future. Our children are our future, and their future will be better after we are gone for all the hard work we do.

Sincerely,

Mike Durfor
Richard Kelly
Nancy Smith

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Sunapee, qualified to vote in the district's affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium in said district on the 15th day of March at 9:00 a.m. to vote upon the articles set forth in this warrant not covering the election of district officers. Said officers will be elected at the Town Meeting to be held in said gymnasium on the 11th day of March by official ballot and checklists. The polls will remain open for this purpose from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE 1.** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 2.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,554,000)** for the purpose of construction of additions to the existing middle high school, and renovating certain areas of the existing middle high school: **THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,554,000)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act. RSA 33: 1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (2/3 ballot vote required). (The School Board recommends this appropriation).
- ARTICLE 3.** To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000)** for the purpose of expanding and renovating the existing middle high school gymnasium and locker rooms: **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act. RSA 33: 1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto (2/3 ballot vote required). (The School Board recommends this appropriation).
- ARTICLE 4.** To see how the voters of the district will vote on the following question:
- Shall the Sunapee School District accept the provisions of RSA 194-C providing for the withdrawal of the Sunapee School District from School Administrative Unit #43 involving the school districts of Newport, Goshen-Lempster Cooperative, and Croydon in accordance with the provisions of the proposed withdrawal plan?
- Note: 3/5 majority vote required for approval. This question shall be voted on by secret written ballot.
- ARTICLE 5.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$117,215)** for the first year interest payment for the bond issue voted. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).

- ARTICLE 6.** To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$4,250,864)** for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state sources, together with income; the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- ARTICLE 7.** To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **NINETY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$99,000)** for replacement of the Sherburne Gym floor and other structural renovations to this building. The total amount is to come from general taxation. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).
- ARTICLE 8.** To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of **TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000)** to purchase a new school bus. The total amount is to come from general taxation. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).
- ARTICLE 9.** To see if the District will authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District Meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year, as outlined under RSA 198:20-b, provided that (1) such money is used for legal purposes for which a school district may appropriate money, (2) the School Board holds a public hearing on the expenditure of such money before it is expended, and (3) the expenditure of such money does not require the expenditure of other School District funds.
- ARTICLE 10.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this TENTH day of FEBRUARY, nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

Michael Durfor
Richard Kelly
Nancy Smith

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant-Attest:

Michael Durfor
Richard Kelly
Nancy Smith

SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Election of Officials

To the inhabitants of the School District of Sunapee, qualified to vote in the district's affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium in said district on the 11th day of March, 1997, to vote for school district officials by official ballot and checklists. The polls will remain open for this purpose from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a school board member for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a school district clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To choose a school district treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To choose two school district auditors for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Michael Durfor
Richard Kelly
Nancy Smith
SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant-Attest:

Michael Durfor
Richard Kelly
Nancy Smith
SUNAPEE SCHOOL BOARD

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 1997 -1998

	Actual Budget 1995-1996	Proposed Budget 1996-1997	Proposed Budget 1997-1998
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INSTRUCTION			
Teachers	1,350,197	1,450,921	1,410,307
Aides	10,934	10,245	20,148
Substitutes	33,542	22,000	22,000
Health Insurance	158,140	155,623	207,967
Dental Insurance	20,975	19,846	20,888
Life Insurance	3,542	4,693	2,962
Workers Compensation	14,151	12,014	12,346
Retirement	26,379	35,546	40,617
Social Security	105,382	113,462	111,116
Unemployment Compensation	500	500	500
Handwriting/Prof. Services	0	0	0
Repairs to Equipment	13,550	10,950	13,553
Teaching Materials	68,470	59,594	67,148
Textbooks	18,494	22,312	26,965
New Equipment	13,480	107,306	9,629
Replacement Equipment	11,420	13,807	15,821
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SERIES TOTAL	1,849,156	2,038,819	1,982,003
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SPECIAL EDUCATION			
Teachers	71,168	77,414	129,870
Aides/Bus Driver	169,695	194,882	202,088
Substitutes	3,000	3,000	3,000
Health Insurance	6,338	6,816	80,877
Dental Insurance	816	756	1,992
Life Insurance	188	251	273
Workers Compensation	3,012	2,230	3,488
Retirement	5,140	8,489	12,036
Social Security	18,697	21,063	25,606
Professional Services	191,366	190,034	0
Out-of-District Placement	165,420	128,666	10,030
Transportation	16,000	17,000	11,000
Materials, Textbooks, Equipment	3,682	3,135	7,903
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SERIES TOTAL	654,522	653,736	488,163
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RELATED SERVICES	0	0	251,450
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION			
Tuition and Transportation	54,782	54,782	20,772
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SERIES TOTAL	54,782	54,782	20,772
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OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Salaries, Soc. Sec. Retirement	63,001	78,113	80,852
Supplies and Equipment	27,500	25,800	50,292

SERIES TOTAL	<u>90,501</u>	<u>103,913</u>	<u>131,144</u>
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SUPPORT SERVICES - GUIDANCE & HEALTH

Guidance & Nurses	100,611	118,470	127,526
Health Insurance	3,993	16,483	18,226
Dental Insurance	1,363	2,875	2,875
Life Insurance	195	244	265
Workers Compensation	978	934	1,072
Retirement	1,288	2,125	4,240
Social Security	7,697	8,815	9,649
Physicals, Supplies, Repairs, Travel	4,610	4,730	6,875
New Equipment	3,444	5,000	2,500

SERIES TOTAL	<u>124,179</u>	<u>159,676</u>	<u>173,228</u>
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SUPPORT SERVICES - TEACHERS

Tuition/Conferences/Substitutes	25,468	29,113	27,218
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EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

Librarian & Aides	66,620	69,895	69,895
Health Insurance	5,705	2,272	2,839
Dental Insurance	802	777	260
Life Insurance	116	148	96
Social Security, Retirement & W.C.	6,923	7,843	8,251
Repairs, Materials, Educational TV	20,150	24,770	30,823

SERIES TOTAL	<u>100,316</u>	<u>105,705</u>	<u>112,164</u>
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Salaries	3,400	3,400	3,400
Insurance	575	575	575
Supplies, Dues, Fees	1,900	1,900	3,968
Professional Services	3,500	3,500	5,000
SAU 43	196,091	192,351	217,981
Census	0	0	0

SERIES TOTAL	<u>205,466</u>	<u>201,726</u>	<u>230,924</u>
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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Principals	152,258	157,139	167,172
Secretaries	47,389	49,494	64,790
Insurances & Benefits	39,626	45,388	69,249
Telephone, Postage, Printing	16,075	18,276	21,609
Supplies & Equipment	14,294	11,515	9,450
Assemblies, Dues, Fees, Graduation	6,443	6,480	9,495
Technology Coordinator		0	27,000
SERIES TOTALS	276,085	288,292	368,765

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Salaries & Benefits	140,910	143,937	146,428
Repairs	27,578	28,232	30,032
Water	10,130	10,636	14,380
Sewer	7,330	7,696	7,495
Special Projects	23,675	8,000	10,500
Insurance	17,108	11,811	11,297
Supplies & Equipment	13,900	13,900	14,900
Electricity	58,542	60,765	66,027
Heat	28,899	31,486	30,247
Gas	900	950	1,000
Contingency	1,500	1,500	1,500
SERIES TOTAL	330,472	318,913	333,806

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Salaries & Benefits	40,487	41,453	41,577
Maintenance & Supplies	17,775	20,992	21,333
Insurance	8,710	9,232	9,232
Educational Trips	2,674	2,774	2,674
Athletic Trips	3,750	4,008	4,000
Bus Lease	11,335	0	0
SERIES TOTAL	84,731	78,459	78,817

FOOD SERVICE 7,589 7,771 23,825

DEBT SERVICE 66,660 62,220 120,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY 127,000

TOTAL MAIN BUDGET 3,869,927 4,103,125 4,469,279

FOOD SERVICE (IN/OUT) 115,000 115,000 115,000

FEDERAL PROJECTS (IN/OUT) 4,500 4,500 4,500

GRAND TOTAL 3,989,427 4,222,625 4,588,779

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INCOME COMPARISON

	ANTICIPATED 1996-1997	ESTIMATED 1997-1998
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES		
Fund Balance	7,958	40,000
Earnings on Investment	2,000	2,000
Pupil Activities		
Other Local Sources	17,000	17,000
Workmans Comp. Refunds		
REVENUE FROM STATE		
Catastrophic Aid	0	0
Foundation Aid	0	0
School Building Aid	21,298	0
Driver Education	2,250	7,000
Vocational Education	6,000	5,300
REVENUE FROM OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS		
Tuition		
Grades 9-12 18 7,125		
Total Tuition	162,391	128,250
Sale of Bonds	0	0
From Capital Reserve Funds	0	0
School Lunch Reimbursement	110,000	110,000
Vocational and Federal Grants	4,100	4,100
TOTAL	332,997	313,650

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Sunapee:

I feel privileged to have served as superintendent for the Sunapee Public Schools during the 1996-97 school year. The district is blessed with outstanding schools, committed teachers, staff members and a hard working school board. I have enjoyed working with the Sunapee School Board to address several critical problems. They have faced the difficult challenge of providing quality education while constantly bearing in mind what the town can support with the fiscal resources that are available.

We have focused on the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks and have analyzed test data drawn from on the 3rd, 6th and 10th grade tests that were administered last spring. We have used these data to make modifications in instruction and in curriculum. Our goal is to have in place a well-structured K-12 curriculum that is built on the New Hampshire Frameworks. This will ensure that all students meet high standards and leave the Sunapee schools with a foundation that will prepare them for a productive and fulfilling life in the next century. The principals are working hard to refine and implement a teacher professional development and evaluation model. A collegial approach is being used to work together with teachers to continuously develop their professional skills.

There is a serious space problem. A building is needed that will allow the staff to implement an up-to-date educational program with an emphasis on technology as a tool to enhance learning. I wish to applaud the efforts of the Faculties Committee for their dedication, perseverance and willingness to attend many meetings. Hopefully the citizens will see fit to fund this project.

From an SAU perspective, one of my goals has been to carry out my pledge to bring Sunapee adequate services in administration and in special education. I believe we have been successful in meeting that goal. I wish to thank my assistant, Dr. John Handfield and the Director of Related Services, Dr. Kenneth DeVoid for making this possible.

Finally, I would be less than candid if I didn't express my sadness that Sunapee may leave SAU #43. I have listened closely and am empathetic to certain concerns. However, I feel that the SAU configuration is valid and can provide the most cost-effective delivery system in both over all administrative costs and, in particular provide savings in the area of special education. We have an excellent administration with in-depth expertise in the areas of curriculum and instruction, facilities, negotiations, finance and related services. We stand ready to serve you. Should Sunapee vote to withdraw and form its own SAU then I will accept that and do everything I can to be sure that the withdrawal is carried out as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Gauthier, Jr., Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

To the Citizens of Sunapee:

As the new Director of Special Education for SAU #43, I am very pleased to be back in town. Knowing the commitment of each district to quality education for all students, made my decision easy, and I wish to thank the selection committee for giving me the opportunity to serve the SAU and to continue with the dedication to programs and services for students with disabilities.

Currently, there are 305 students who are "coded" as educationally-handicapped: Newport - 173, Sunapee - 81, Goshen/Lempster - 40, and Croydon- 11. At any given time, there are approximately 10 students in out-of-district placements. This occurs when there is no local program to meet a particular student's needs. Often, the placement is made by the local district court when a youngster has run into legal difficulties in the community. The majority of our out-of-district placements are court ordered.

During this school year, I am assisting individual districts within SAU #43 to complete the process to begin billing *Medicaid* for those services which for which they can receive partial reimbursement. These services include *physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, personal attendants, some pre-school programs, special transportation, and the purchase of adaptive equipment*. The services must be part of a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the student must be a registered Medicaid recipient. This will not have an impact on a family's Medicaid benefits or services and will be an important new source of revenue for our districts.

It may help to understand the obligations to students with disabilities if the following is reviewed. It is "The Education for All Handicapped Children Act" (P.L. 94-142) that guarantees the following:

- A free, appropriate public education must be provided for all children, without cost to their parents and regardless of severity or type of disability. No child may be excluded from school because of their perceived educability.
- Protective, due process rights must be ensured for all children with disabilities and their parents to ensure free, fair, and unbiased assessment, placement, and programming for students with special needs.
- Education in the least restrictive environment must be provided; that is, to the maximum extent possible "students with disabilities must be educated with children who are not handicapped."
- Individualized educational programming, in the form of an individualized education plan (IEP), must be developed for each student receiving services under P.L. 94-142. IEPs must be developed by a committee composed of at least the child's teacher, the parents, a representative of the local school district, and, when appropriate, the student.
- Parental involvement is required for all decisions regarding the programming for students with special needs. Parents are to be involved in decisions unless they specifically waive the right to do so.

The "Child Find" provision of the law also requires that the local districts actively reach out and identify potentially handicapped students. If you have questions or think a referral would be appropriate, you may contact me at the SAU office, 863-3540. Another resource that is "*Under Construction*" is the SAU #43 website at: <http://www.sugar-river.net/~nmhs/sped> please visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. DeVoid, Jr., Ed.D.
Director of Special Education



Sunapee Central Elementary School is a place where innovation and the fine tuning of programs is continuous. Sunapee Elementary educates 280 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The mission of the Sunapee Central Elementary School is to empower students to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society by providing intellectual, social, and physical experiences.

The Sunapee Central Elementary School, using technology in all classrooms, is preparing students for the 21st century. Thanks to the Goals 2000 Grant, and the support of hundreds of volunteer hours, the elementary school is networked and will have internet access from every classroom,



Cara Leone Grade 4

Technology is used to:

- * *facilitate student learning*
- * *develop technologically literate students*
- * *expand communication*
- * *integrate curricula*
- * *assess student progress*
- * *monitor student progress*
- * *provide lifelong learning skills*
- * *visit our web site at:*

http://ra.terc.edu/alliance_schools/NH/nh_schools.html

“Educating Everyone Takes Everyone” truly describes the Sunapee Elementary Community. The community consists of a focused group of parents, students, staff, and community members striving to provide a quality program encouraging growth both academically and socially. The community, led by the Sunapee Parent Teacher Organization, has provided tremendous support .



Volunteers Deb McGrath, Sophie Sparrow and Mark Peirce

We thank them for sponsoring:

- * *Networking of the building*
- * *Purchase of a multi-media station*
- * *Odyssey of the Mind*
- * *Parent Information Meetings and Presentations*
- * *Annual Halloween Party (along with the recreation committee.)*
- * *Annual Crafts Bazaar*
- * *Enrichment Program*
- * *Room Representatives*
- * *Festival of Flowers*
- * *Time Travellers*
- * *Painting of rooms and hallways*
and much much more.

We truly appreciate the SPTO's support and hard work.

This year has been chock full of exciting events including:

- * Working with actual MOON ROCKS lent to us by NASA
- * Sixth graders attending Nature's Classroom, a week-long outdoor-education program (the students fund raise to attend this event.)
- * Winter Activity Program
- * DARE, classes for fifth and sixth graders on drug awareness sponsored by The Sunapee Police Department.
- * Fourth Graders running a school business selling snacks before school
- * Community Service Projects
- * Grade Six Science Fair
- * Grade Four-Project Night
- * Holiday Concerts

Learning is continuous for both students and adults. The staff at Sunapee Central is enhancing our curriculum and learning more about the State of New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks. Third and sixth grade state assessment results have been analyzed and the staff is developing a comprehensive, consistent, core curriculum for **all** students. Grade Level Curriculum Brochures were distributed at open houses in the fall to communicate goals with parents. These brochures are available for everyone with an interest in our children's education.

Space limitations continue at the elementary school. The Library/Media Center must also be used for music instruction, individual special needs tutoring, as well as the beginning of our technology research facility. We are using every inch of space that we can find (including the elevator hallways!)

It is truly my pleasure to serve as the principal of the Sunapee Central Elementary School! The dedication of the staff and community to providing quality programs for Sunapee's students is evident each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Gibbens

Deborah L. Gibbens

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement exercises were conducted on Memorial Field at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 1996. Sunapee School Board member, Richard Kelly, awarded diplomas to: Erich August Adler, Douglas John Aldrich, Zoë Nicole Alexander, Sarah Elizabeth Ashey, Erik A. Benoit, Angela Mona Bly, Ashley E. Bocko, Timothy Raymond Braley, Michael Francis Bressette Jr., Maximillian P. Brown, David C. Colby, Lindsay Christine Currier, Juan Sebastian Davalos, Jennifer Adele Catherine Goyette, Timothy M. Grant, Gregory J. Hampson, Steven C. Harrington, Christopher R. Herd, Kristi Lynn Holmes, Valérie A. Homsy, Jeremiah J. Johnson, Wendell A. Kangas, Richard D. Kelley Jr., Melissa G. Miller, Eureka O. Moosreiner, Renee Phyllis Murgatroy, Gregory Steven Novak, Matthew Solon Pickering, Perley Arnold Sanborn, Alicia Marie Scharff, Carolyn Elizabeth Soucy, Bonnie J. Stevens, Matthew Christopher Sullivan, James Alan Swift, Kristine Marie Maura Taylor, Sonya Vangelova, Crystal Ann Vigneault, Heather Marie Wells, Robert Earl Wiggins and Jaime Sara Winterholer.

For the record, awards and scholarships presented at graduation were:

Murvin A. Bailey Citizenship Award

Timothy Braley

Sunapee Alumni Association

Kristine Taylor

Annie G. Leone Award

Douglas Aldrich, Valerie Homsy

Herbert B. Sawyer

Kristi Holmes

Karen Marie Schrader Memorial

Alicia Scharff

John Segalini

Heather Wells

Hank Carley Award

Wendell Kangas

Amanda Marie Burrill Memorial

David Colby

Pizza Chef of Sunapee

Renee Murgatroy

New London Rotary Club

Angela Bly, Ashley Bocko,
Zoe Alexander, Kristine Taylor

New London Rotary Club (Norris)

Carolyn Soucy

Sunapee Lion's Club

Michael Murgatroy, Matthew Simmons,
Tracie Trubia

Sunapee Lion's Club

Angela Bly, Jaime Winterholer

Lake Sunapee Bank Citizenship Award

Steven Harrington

Charles K. Flint Memorial

Alicia Scharff

Sunapee Teachers Association Award

Kristine Taylor

Sunapee Thrift Shop

Gregory Novak

Sugar River Savings Bank

Richard Kelley Jr.

United Methodist Church-Meacham

Gregory Novak

Knights of Columbus

Lindsay Currier, Jennifer Goyette,
Ashley Bocko

Sunapee Firemen

Heather Wells

Tom Tuohy Memorial

Richard Kelley Jr.

John M. & Della U. Emerson

Jeremiah Johnson

Wendell W. Rude

Jennifer Goyette

Ethan S. Clow Memorial

Crystal Vigneault

Highland Farm

Gregory Novak, Erich Adler,
Lindsay Currier

Doris E. Bishop

Robert Wiggins

Lake Sunapee Protective Association

Ezra Goldberg Award

Lindsay Currier

Lake Sunapee Protective Association

Janet & Paul Grevstad Award

Gregory Novak

Mary Felicia Falzarano

Carolyn Soucy, Lindsay Currier,
Christopher Herd, Crystal Vigneault,
Renee Murgatroy, Jennifer Goyette,
Steven Harrington, Kristine Taylor

Sunapee Booster Club

Christopher Herd, Carolyn Soucy,
Lindsay Currier

Cricenti's Market
Carolyn Soucy
Community Alliance of Human Services
Jennifer Goyette
Sturm Ruger Sunshine Club
Crystal Vigneault, Renee Murgatroy
Charles & Carl Clement Memorial
Robert Wiggins
Connecticut Valley F.M. Association
Erich Adler
Herbert O. Williams
Gregory Novak
Sullivan County Law Enforcement Association
Richard Kelley Jr.
Sullivan Family & Prospect Hill Antiques
Timothy Braley

Sunapee Chapter of the National Honor Society
Lindsay Currier
McCrillis & Eldridge Insurance
Lindsay Currier
John P. Molloy
Jaime Winterholer
Jeffrey M. Hampson Memorial
David Colby
National Merit
Gregory Novak
Air Force ROTC
Erich Adler
David W. Sherburne Memorial
Kristine Taylor

Class Day exercises were held at the David W. Sherburne Gymnasium at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 1996. Awards presented were:

Dartmouth College Book Award
Ian LeClair

Harvard College Book Award
Kristin Gundersen

Smith College Book Award
April Huff

Wellseley College Book Award
Heather Wilkie

Thespian Outstanding Achievement Awards
Lindsay Currier, Carolyn Soucy

D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award
Jennifer Goyette

New London Rotary "Service Above Self" Award
Lindsay Currier

Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award
Alison Harvey

Nathan Johnson Good Citizenship Award
Tasha Gerken

Middle School Spelling Bee Award
Tasha Gerken

Middle School Geography Bee Award
Christian Demers

The following students were inducted into our National Honor Society at our annual May Induction Banquet: Christopher Barrett, Amanda Brown, Kirsten Glennon, Lisa Glennon, Kristin Gundersen, Matthew Hanson, Alison Harvey, Wesley Jacobs, Carolyn McLaughlin, Kimberly Palmer, Lauren Ruggles, Jaime Webb and Krista Williams.

The class of 1996 will be best remembered as pioneers of our new Senior Project Program. Approved as a graduation requirement by the Sunapee School Board, each senior is now required to log 75 hours beyond the curriculum, learn from community mentors or expert mentors, produce a lengthy process paper, and develop and present an oral presentation to a panel of community members and an audience of parents, friends and teachers. Everyone who witnessed these presentations last April had to be impressed with the caliber of professionalism exhibited by each senior. As educators, we were most pleased with the true authentic assessment provided by the entire process, and each teacher (K-12) felt most proud. The tradition has begun and we invite everyone to our second annual senior project presentations on April 17, 1997. We guarantee that you will leave proud of the education process in Sunapee schools.

The 1996-97 school year began with five new staff members: Janice Porter, High School English; Giacomo Iacopino; Middle and High School Science; Brent Baker, Middle School Science; Daniel Hudkins, Technology Coordinator; and Marilyn Sherman, full time Nurse and Health Teacher. On the first day of school in August, we greeted the largest middle school

population ever (104 students). As a result, we needed to purchase a two classroom portable located in the rear of our building. As these middle school students move through our high school curriculum, more and more pressure will be put on our present facility.

In the spring of 1996, a Community Task Force was formed to study the space needs at both Sunapee schools. Although recommendations have been made in the past six years from two similar committees, this task force revisited the entire space issue. The Task Force heard presentations from teachers from both schools, interviewed other school personnel and recommended to the school board to hire an outside consultant to conduct a thorough demographic study of the town of Sunapee as well as to investigate how well our facilities can continue to deliver quality education. After studying the detailed report, the Task Force recommended to the school board to move grade six to the middle high school, renovate the existing middle high school facility and add an appropriate number of newly constructed classrooms to the middle high school facility. We are most grateful to all task force members for their dedicated work and the many long hours spent developing a feasible plan to provide the proper facilities to deliver quality education in the next ten to twenty years.

Thanks to the voters at the last annual school district meeting, we have been able to take a giant step forward updating our technology offerings. With two new computer labs equipped with up to date hardware and software, we feel that we now can provide the opportunity for our students to learn the proper skills to function in our ever changing technological world.

We are happy to report that we have made significant changes in our middle school program. Although not drastic changes, we feel we are now more in tune with educating the middle level learner, paying particular attention to addressing the unique needs of our seventh and eighth graders. Separation from the high school environment has been slow and comfortable as we feel it should be. We now have a separate middle school student council, chorus, spirit week, plays and calendar of social functions. We remain committed to never sacrificing nor compromising the necessity for a strong emphasis in the content areas of our core curriculum as well as properly preparing our middle school students for a rigorous high school learning environment. However, further changes will continue to occur in the "way we teach" and the proper "age appropriate activities" so vital to meet the needs of the middle school learner.

We continue to work toward our ongoing goal of aligning our curriculum with the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks. We agree that although ambitious, these published frameworks, developed by teachers, are an excellent focus of what graduates need to know in order to function as responsible citizens in the 21st Century. As we agree that education involves much more than a simple academic preparation, we continue to maintain a healthy school environment that provides opportunities for our students to explore all arenas that will make them well rounded individuals.

Our recent trend of having more and more students achieving high honor roll and honor roll status continues. We are now averaging 140 students or 52% of the student population achieving this status. We continue to encourage many academic competitive activities that foster a spirit of competition that emphasizes the true focus of our curriculum. Some of these competitions include Math Teams, Odyssey of the Mind Teams, French Contest, American High School Mathematics Exam, Bartlett Prize Speaking Contest, Advanced Placement Exams, Granite State Challenge Team, Middle School Geography and Spelling Bees, National Honor Society and the Annual Academic Awards Banquet.

We continue to encourage both fine arts and visual arts by offering our annual holiday and spring concerts, both fall and spring play productions, a talent show and an art exhibit. Also, encouraging teachers and students to extend the curriculum beyond the classroom walls, we offer Harvard Model Congress, Youth & Government, Close Up, Economics Trip to New

York City, French and Russian Exchanges and appropriate content area field trips to allow students to experience how their learning is applied in the real world.

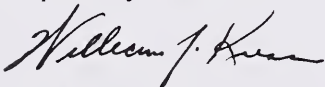
We all are well aware of the important role athletics play in the Sunapee community. Traditionally, it has always been the best vehicle to promote community and school spirit. We now have 219 students or 81% of our school population involved in the athletic arena. Our newest program, girls varsity soccer, was very successful this past fall in its first year and we look for this program to continue to grow as more and more girls become involved. For the past two years our varsity teams all were involved in post season play. No one can remember the last time this happened. Sunapee athletes have proven that they can compete with the best teams in Class S in all sports. Our cheerleaders competed in the state spirit competition and were narrowly edged out for the state championship. However, finishing second was a tremendous achievement. Our girls volleyball team for the third year in a row were beaten in the finals for the Class S championship. In a great match with our arch rival Moultonborough, our girls couldn't have come any closer to victory. The entire Sunapee community left that night disappointed but most proud of our team. By far, the highlight of the year, our baseball team captured its third straight state championship by defeating Alton 1-0 in eleven innings in what many have called the best state championship game ever.

The year 1996 will be remembered as the year when coach Dave Barry reached two important milestones in his long coaching career. In May 1996, in the second game of a doubleheader with Nute, Coach Barry notched his 300th win in his baseball coaching career which began in Sunapee in 1972. In October 1996, in a volleyball match with Linwood, Coach Barry notched his 300th win in his volleyball coaching career which began in 1977 when volleyball was first recognized as an interscholastic sport in New Hampshire. Both these milestones are unprecedented in Sunapee history and may never be surpassed. Not only did we as a school recognize these tremendous achievements, but at the recent January 29, 1997 Parade of Championship Dinner hosted by the Manchester Union Leader, Dave Barry was one of six coaches awarded the Walter Smith Memorial Award for his dedicated service to the Youth of New Hampshire. On behalf of the many student athletes that have played for Coach Barry through the years, we congratulate and thank him for his dedication to the Sunapee Community.

We are ever thankful of our wonderful Booster Club as they continue to support and promote many of our curricular and cocurricular programs. Their support of our Academic Awards Banquet, Honor Roll Pancake Breakfast and the annual Substance Free Graduation Party is particularly appreciated. Also, the Sunapee Lions continue to do much for our school and the youth of Sunapee and we particularly thank them for their support of our Student of the Quarter Program.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Seth Cummings, our math teacher and girls varsity basketball coach, who will be retiring in June. Seth taught and coached in Sunapee schools for the last 26 years. He has touched many lives in both the academic and coaching arenas. We will miss Seth dearly and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. Kress
Principal

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

The annual audit for the Sunapee School District, for the year ended June 30, 1996, was performed by Grzelak and Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. Copies of the audit report can be obtained by contacting SAU #43, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, N.H. 03773.

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER Year Ended June 30, 1996

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	ELEMENTARY RENOVATIONS
Date of Issue	April 4, 1986
Original Amount	\$600,000
Annual Maturity Date	June 30
Interest Payable	June 30 December 1
Annual Principal	\$60,000
Payable at	Lake Sunapee Savings Bank
Amount Outstanding	\$ - 0 -

Sally Putonen
School District Treasurer

ENROLLMENT
As of August 30, 1996

SCHOOL GRADE		NO. OF PUPILS	SCHOOL TOTAL
Sunapee Elementary	Kindergarten	33	
	1	40	
	2	34	
	3	44	
	4	47	
	5	37	
	6	40	275
Junior High School	7	52	
	8	53	105
High School	9	49	
	10	48	
	11	42	
	12	37	176
Total Pupils enrolled in all schools:			<hr/> 556

NEWPORT/SUNAPEE/CROYDON SAU

	TOTAL	50.54% NEWPORT	46.06% SUNAPEE	3.40% CROYDON
Superintendant	65,000	32,851	29,939	2,210
Assistant Superintendant	55,000	27,797	25,333	1,870
Related Services Director	50,000	25,270	23,030	1,700
Administrative Assistant	24,800	12,534	11,423	843
Business Administrator	47,000	23,754	21,648	1,598
Accountant	24,800	12,534	11,423	843
Financial Clerks	42,000	21,227	19,345	1,428
Total Salaries	308,600	155,967	142,141	10,492
Benefits	77,150	38,992	35,535	2,623
Office Expenses	64,250	32,472	29,594	2,184
TOTAL	450,000	227,431	207,270	15,299

SUNAPEE SAU

	TOTAL
Superintendant	65,000
Related Services Director	27,000
Accountant	24,800
Secretery	18,500
Total Salaries	135,300
Benefits	36,016
Office Expenses	36,400
Office Equipment (1st Year)	9,475
TOTAL COST	217,191
Less: Title I funding	(2,285)
NET COST	214,906

SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
Year Ended June 30, 1996

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1995		
General Fund Account	\$5,909.61	
Payroll Account	<u>\$67.00</u>	
		\$5,976.61
Appropriation		\$3,569,815.00
Capital Reserve Fund - School Bus		\$15,106.00
Revenue from State and Federal Sources		
Building Aid	\$21,298.32	
Catastrophic Aid	\$34,738.52	
Block Grant	\$8,883.79	
Driver Education	\$7,200.00	
Hot Lunch	\$33,250.00	
Tuition & Transportation	<u>\$6,665.28</u>	
		\$112,035.91
Tuition		\$178,287.96
All Other Sources		
Hot Lunch Sales	\$84,594.81	
Hot Lunch Payroll Reimbursement	\$52,529.84	
Refunds & Reimbursments	\$36,389.17	
Interest Earned	<u>\$2,262.06</u>	
		<u>\$175,775.88</u>
		\$4,051,020.75
TOTAL RECEIPT		<u>\$4,056,997.36</u>
Less: School Board Orders Paid:		
Net Payroll	\$1,506,069.88	
Payroll Deductions	\$1,078,144.46	
Manifests	\$1,278,658.44	
School Lunch Manifests	\$112,588.66	
Bank Charges	<u>\$39.62</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$3,975,501.06
BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1996		<u>\$81,496.30</u>
General Fund Account	\$81,407.12	
Payroll Account	<u>\$89.18</u>	
	\$81,496.30	

Sally J. Putonen
School District Treasurer

**Sunapee School District Meeting
David W. Sherburne Gymnasium**

March 13, 1996

Article 1: To hear reports of agents, auditors and committees and accepted same.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members \$600 per member per year; school district moderator \$160 per year; school district clerk \$50 per year; and school district treasurer \$850 per year. (The school board recommends this article.) Voted to pass this article.

Article 3: To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million One Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$4,103,125) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations for the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such funds as are estimated to be received from state sources, together with income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the revenue and appropriations which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town

Motion was made to raise said amount.

Amendment offered by James Elliot. "I move to reduce by \$200,000."

Discussion by parents and school officials. The amendment was defeated.

The appropriation of \$4,103,125 was accepted by the voters.

Article 4: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) to purchase a new school bus. (The total amount is to come from general taxation.) (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The article was passed in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to purchase and install a portable classroom to be located at the Middle High School. The total amount is to come from general taxation. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The article was passed in the affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the district will authorize the School Board take the necessary action to reorganize into a new SAU. (The School Board recommends this article.)

The article was passed in the affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to contract for professional services to study the school district's building needs. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

The vote was in the affirmative.

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

None.

A True Copy, Attest:

Jean W. Putonen
Sunapee School District Clerk

Sunapee School Officers 1996

Michael Feeney was re-elected as Sunapee School District Moderator for one year term.

Jean W. Putonen was re-elected as Sunapee School District Clerk for one year term.

Nancy Smith and Richard Hoke filed for the three year term as Sunapee School District School Board member. Nancy Smith was elected.

Michael Durfor and Matt Gerken filed for the one year terms as Sunapee School District School Board member. Michael Durfor was elected.

School Treasurer Sally Putonen filed for the office of Sunapee School District Treasurer. She was re-elected.

As Sunapee School District books are audited by professional auditors, we still elect two district auditors. My understanding is that this is required for bond issues.

No one filed for these two positions. A number of write-in votes were noted (most with one vote).

Richard Leone and Eileen Stiles both received several votes each and were declared elected.

The above facts are true and I swear so.

A True Copy, Attest:

Jean W. Putonen
Sunapee School District Clerk

SUNAPEE DISTRICT PERSONNEL
SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
William Kress	Principal	University of NH	C.A.G.S.	31	3
Robert Gray	Assistant Principal	Johnson State	BS	16	3
Marilyn Austin	Special Education	Rutgers University	Ph.D	11	5
Gail G. Baade	Spanish/Art	University of New Mexico	MA	22	3
Brent Baker	MS Science	St. Lawrence University	BS	1	1
David Barry	Physical Education	Plymouth State	BS	26	25
Ronald Beaudet	Mathematics	Keene State College	BS	22	22
Richard Byrne	English	Webster College	MA	11	5
Seth Cummings	Mathematics	Bates/Babson Ins.	MB	29	26
John Dargie	Science	Plymouth State	MS	29	24
Laura Davis	French	University of NH	MA	26 1/2	26
James Field	English	Keene State College	M. Ed.	28	28
John Gosselin	Industrial Arts	Keene State College	BS	21	21
Karen Gosselin	Business Education	Plymouth State	BS	21	21
James Grenier	Mathematics/Physics	Worcester Poly Tech.	MS	21	16
Sandra Guest	Librarian	University of Pittsburg	MLS	19	17
Jack Iacopino	Science	University of NH	BS	0	1
Laura Kessler	Social Studies	Notre Dame College	MA	5	3
Janice M. Porter	English	University of NH	BA	4	1
Alan Peterson	Music	University of NH	BS	22	21
Patricia Pflanz	Social Studies	Keene State College	M. Ed.	11	11
Donald Roberts	Guidance	Western State College	MA	22	14
Robert Scharff	Math	Rensselaer Polytechnic	BS	2	2
Judith Shepard	Home Economics	Keene State College	BA	29 1/2	19
Marcia C. Spencer	Social Studies	Yale University	MA	22	2

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deborah Gibbens	Principal	Notre Dame College	M. Ed.	13	1
Muriel Bergeron	Grade 2	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	9	7
Charlotte Carlson	Grade 2	University of S. Maine	MS	29	26
Bonnie Cruz	Physical Education	Springfield College	BS	2	1
Marianne Doherty	Multi-age	Antioch/NE University	M. Ed.	10	10
Anna Duke	Grade 5	Plymouth State	BA	35	35
Kelly Dwinal	Special Education	University of Maine	BS	2	1
Charles Goyette	Grade 5	New England College	BS	27	10
Corinne Haselton	Multi-age	Keene State College	BS	3	3
Brenda Huff	Multi-age	University of NH	M. Ed.	24	14
Michael Kennedy	Grade 4	Keene State College	BS	19	18
Pamela Larpenter	Grade 3	University of NH	BS	11	10
Jessica Leavitt	Counselor	Keene State College	M. Ed.	19	11
Wenda Nolin	Grade 3	Bloomsburg State College	BS	32 1/2	30 1/2
Kimberly L. Perkins	Art	Plymouth State College	BA	1	1
Ellen Pysz	Grade 6	Antioch/NE University	MA	28	27
Grace Rechisky	Multi-age	Antioch/NE University	MA	14	10

SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (cont.)

NAME	POSITION	TRAINING INSTITUTION	DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	YEARS IN EDUCATION	YEARS IN SUNAPEE
Cheryl Roberts	Grade 4	Antioch/NE University	MA	15	14
Kimberley Seaman	EH Teacher	Wheelock College	BS	2	1
Pamela E. Stiller	Special Education	Bridgewater State College	BS	3	1
Joanne Skarin	Grade 6	Keene State College	MA	10	8
Joanne Tuxbury	Grade 4	Keene State College	MA	27	21
Virginia Schneider	Band				

NURSES

Marilyn Sherman	Middle High School
Marilyn McLaughlin	Elementary School

SECRETARIES

Joan Chandler	Elementary School
Darlene Morse	Middle High School
Janet Scharff	Middle High School

BUS DRIVERS

James Kizis
Barbara Lamer
Kelly Shultz
William Roth
Sue Webb

TITLE I PERSONNEL

Sandra Byrne	Skills Improvement Program
Mary McKernan	
Susan Roberts	
Agnes Slavin	Math
Jane Sweatt	

CUSTODIANS

Robert Abraham	Part-time /High School
Gordon Bartlett	High School
Norbert Leavitt	Elementary
Linda Frederick	Part-time High School
Douglas MacWilliams	Elementary
Wade Marbach	High School
William Roth	Supervisor, Building & Transportation

RELATED SERVICES

John Berge	Case Coordinator
Geraldine Black	Inclusion Facilitator
Barbara Lague	Speech Language Pathologist
Caite Linehan	Psychotherapist
Kandra Palmer	Certified Occup Therapy Asst.
Joseph Rapalje	School Psychologist

FOOD SERVICE

Valerie Sanborn	Director
Alona Drew	Elementary
Barbara Lamer	Elementary
Pamela J. Quimby	Elementary
Beckie Jo Sanborn	High School

AIDES

Patricia Adams	Library
Melinda Siranian	Cafeteria/Multi-age
Linda Frederick	Cafeteria
Joyce Internicola	Library
Barb Johnson	Resource Room
Robin Longtin	Resource Room
Phyllis LaVigne	Resource Room
Elizabeth Trainor	Multi-age

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Shannon Boisvert	Sue Hamel	Donnalee Thomas
Deborah Casner	Linda Houston	Rebecca Rice-Robinson
Betty Champney	Harriet Laurie	Wayne Levasseur
Judith Collins	Simone O'Hare	Donna Van Den Berg
Diana Gauthier	Tina Snelling	Sue Webb
Kathy Gray	Pamela Stocker	

WHAT WILL THIS BOND COST?

Base Scheme - No Gym Expansion

The cost for this bond is \$3.55 million plus interest spread out over a 15 year period. State building aid, at 30% of principal, and if continued, will yield \$1,066,200 in revenue from the state during the 15 year period.

The table below shows an example of the tax impact for a Sunapee homeowner with property assessed at a value of \$100,000 and assuming yearly receipt of state building aid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net Tax Impact After State Aid</u>	<u>Total Cost for \$100,000 Home</u>
1997-98	\$0.23	\$23.00
1998-99	\$0.84	\$84.00
1999-00	\$0.81	\$81.00
2000-01	\$0.78	\$78.00
2001-02	\$0.75	\$75.00
2002-03	\$0.72	\$72.00
2003-04	\$0.69	\$69.00
2004-05	\$0.66	\$66.00
2005-06	\$0.63	\$63.00
2006-07	\$0.60	\$60.00
2007-08	\$0.57	\$57.00
2008-09	\$0.54	\$54.00
2009-10	\$0.51	\$51.00
2010-11	\$0.48	\$48.00
2011-12	\$0.45	\$45.00
2012-13	\$0.42	\$42.00

Base Scheme - With Gym & Stage Expansion

The cost for this bond is \$4.05 million plus interest spread out over a 15 year period. State building aid, at 30% of principal, and if continued, will yield \$1,215,000 in revenue from the state during the 15 year period.

The table below shows an example of the tax impact for a Sunapee homeowner with property assessed at a value of \$100,000 and assuming yearly receipt of state building aid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net Tax Impact After State Aid</u>	<u>Total Cost for \$100,000 Home</u>
1997-98	\$0.26	\$26.00
1998-99	\$0.96	\$96.00
1999-00	\$0.92	\$92.00
2000-01	\$0.89	\$89.00
2001-02	\$0.86	\$86.00
2002-03	\$0.82	\$82.00
2003-04	\$0.79	\$79.00
2004-05	\$0.75	\$75.00
2005-06	\$0.72	\$72.00
2006-07	\$0.68	\$68.00
2007-08	\$0.65	\$65.00
2008-09	\$0.62	\$62.00
2009-10	\$0.58	\$58.00
2010-11	\$0.55	\$55.00
2011-12	\$0.51	\$51.00
2012-13	\$0.48	\$48.00

Sunapee Middle High School

Proposed Additions and Renovations

Two options are being proposed for the renovations/additions to the Middle High School to address both facility space and programming needs. One option includes the expansion of the gymnasium and the addition of a stage area, the other does not. The goals of these changes are to improve the quality of the academic programming, to relieve district space needs, to create a true middle school learning environment, to correct deficiencies in the existing building environment, and to maximize the use of existing space, at the best value to the residents of the Town. Below are budget summaries of both schemes.

Budget Summary

Architect: The H.L. Turner Group, Inc.
Construction Manager: Engelberth Construction, Inc.

Based on:

- 27,327sf +/- of Addition
- 41,517sf +/- of Renovation
- Sitework included in Additions

I. Base Scheme (No Gym Expansion)

Additions	\$2,160,000
Renovations	<u>\$992,000</u>
Subtotal Construction	\$3,152,000
A&E	\$252,000
Furnishings & Equipment	\$50,000
Misc. Expenses,	
General Contingency	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$3,554,000

II. Scheme (With Gym & Stage Expansion)

Additions	\$2,625,000
Renovations	<u>\$992,000</u>
Subtotal Construction	\$3,617,000
A&E	\$287,000
Furnishings & Equipment	\$50,000
Misc. Expenses,	
General Contingency	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$4,054,000

TELEPHONE - HOURS

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE	Call 9-1-1
NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH FIRE, POLICE	763-5555
HEALTH OFFICER	763-2073
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	763-5060
LIBRARY HOURS: M, W 10AM-8PM Th, F 10AM-6PM, Sat., 10AM-1PM	763-5513
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS: M, T, Th, F 8AM-5PM W 8AM-1PM	763-2212
THRIFT SHOP HOURS: T 3PM-6PM, Th 6PM-8PM, Sat., 9:30AM-11:30AM	NONE
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR HOURS: M, T, Th, F 9AM-5PM, Wed., 9AM-1PM	763-2449
TOWN MANAGER	763-2212
TRANSFER STATION HOURS: M, Th, F, Sat., 8AM-4:30PM Sun., 8AM-12PM	763-4614
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	763-2121
WATER/SEWER OFFICE	763-2115
ZBA/PLANNING HOURS: T, Th 1PM-5PM	763-3194

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**ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION
OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS**

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Sherburne Gymnasium on Route 11

Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

and continuing on

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Sherburne Gymnasium on Route 11

Meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, March 15, 1997

Sherburne Gymnasium on Route 11

Meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m.
